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# 2003 Annual Report

Goffstown,  
New Hampshire



# IN MEMORIAM

Goffstown pauses to remember these active members  
of our community who passed away during the year.

**Ezra P. Beck**

Budget Committee

Cemetery Trustee

Trustees of the Trust Fund

**Daniel M. Dugrenher**

Town of Goffstown Employee

**Don A. Girard**

Deputy Fire Chief

**Sylvio A. Jodoin Jr.**

Parks & Recreation Commissioner

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## DEDICATIONS

*The 2003 Goffstown Annual Report is dedicated to  
two long-term dedicated employees who retired in 2003:*

*Fire Chief Paul Nault*

*Police Capt. Donald Davidson.*



FIRE CHIEF PAUL NAULT

Paul Nault joined the Goffstown Fire Department in 1974 as a Volunteer Firefighter and became a full time firefighter two years later, working primarily in the Pinardville section of Goffstown. In 1986, Paul was promoted to rank of Captain. He became Chief of the Department in October of 2002 following the retirement of Chief Ed Hunter.

As a rookie firefighter Paul fought the huge blaze that destroyed the trestle bridge, which spanned the Piscataquog River. In his final year on the force, Paul dealt with the less severe fire, which claimed some plastic sheeting along the Main Street Bridge.

Chief Paul Nault has demonstrated exemplary commitment to his community by protecting the lives and property of the Citizens of Goffstown. He has improved the quality of service with the upgrades and improvements of fire apparatus, and the continual recruitment and maintenance of a highly skilled and trained fire fighting and emergency medical service force. Chief Nault has dedicated over 29 years of fire fighting services as a Volunteer Firefighter, Firefighter, Captain, and Fire Chief. The grateful citizens of Goffstown thank Chief Paul Nault for his many years of service to the community.





POLICE CAPT. DONALD W. DAVIDSON

Donald Davidson began his law enforcement career with the Goffstown Police Department as a student intern from St. Anselm College. Majoring in Criminal Justice, Don immediately demonstrated his enthusiasm for law enforcement. He was hired as a dispatcher (part-time officer) and then patrol officer.

Throughout his dignified career with the Town Donnie exemplified the true meaning of community policing and public service. He served as a K-9 Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor with the Police Academy, instructor at the Police Cadet Academy and Hesser College.

He was a volunteer hockey coach for numerous youth hockey leagues in the area, and has volunteered countless hours for community events such as the Main Street Program, Goffstown Junior Baseball, NH Special Olympics and the Up Reach Therapeutic Riding Center.

As the Crime Prevention Officer for the department he visited the schools as Officer Friendly, and in 1994 was named New Hampshire D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1990, Lieutenant in 1996, and then to Captain (Director of Operations) in 1999.

As the department's Special Event Coordinator Captain Davidson directed the local preparation and security of such dignitaries as President George Bush, candidate George Bush and numerous Presidential Debates in anticipation of the First in the nation NH Primary.

A true community ambassador we thank Captain Donald W. Davidson for his 27 years of dedicated service to the Town of Goffstown.

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## TOWN INFORMATION

During King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. Oxen drew the wood to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43°N and 71', 36°W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114. It is 16 miles to Concord, the state capital of New Hampshire. The town has three boroughs or regions: Goffstown village, Grasmere Village and Pinardville.

The Town has a population of approximately 16,989 (2000 Census) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306' above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1321' above sea level.

**GOVERNMENT:** A five member Board of Selectmen governs Goffstown. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. At the 1996 Annual Meeting residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot.

The Town Hall is located at 16 Main Street. Town office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday; and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday.

**TOWN CLERK:** Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local, state and federal elections may be done at the polls on Election Day. For eligibility to vote at the Ballot Determination Meeting you must register 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for town elections and state primaries and general elections.

Dog licenses expire on April 30 of each year. A dog must be licensed at three months of age; rabies certificate required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered animals; \$9.00 if unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registration is initiated at the office of the Town Clerk. Registration is due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Re-registration decals are available from the Town Clerk for an additional fee of \$2.50. Plates for passenger vehicles, motorcycles, trailers and tractors are also available in this office. The Town is on-line with NH Division of Motor Vehicles to provide improved motor vehicle registration services. In January 2004,

residents will be able to complete their boat registrations at the Town Clerk's Office. You must present your driver's license and your state issued renewal form.

**PROPERTY TAXES:** Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. A town-wide revaluation was completed in 2003. The tax rate for 2003 was \$20.71 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

**ZONING:** The Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Goffstown was originally adopted and made effective on March 14, 1961. The Ordinance regulates land use throughout the town.

**POLICE:** The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women and adjacent to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** The Public Works Department is located at 404 Elm Street adjacent to the Transfer Station facility. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. The Public Works Office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

**LIBRARY:** The Goffstown Public Library is located at the intersection of Main Street (Route 114), High Street and Elm Street adjacent to the historic Popcorn Stand. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday during the school year. Check our web site at [www.goffstown.lib.nh.us](http://www.goffstown.lib.nh.us) for more information.

**PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.:** The Parks and Recreation Department, with an office at 155 Mast Street provides two supervised playgrounds with excellent programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice-skating area, and supervised year-round programs for youth and adults.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT:** An elected nine-member School Board governs The Goffstown School District; the Annual School District Meeting determines its budget. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. School Department offices are located in the White Building at School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. In Goffstown, the public schools consist of two elementary schools, grades 1 - 4, Maple Avenue School in the Village and Bartlett School in Pinardville; one middle school, grades 5-8, Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane in Goffstown; and one high school, grades 9-12, Goffstown AREA High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village, which accepts Dunbarton and New Boston tuition students.



## MEETING SCHEDULE

### **Board of Selectmen**

Every Monday at 6:00 PM unless posted otherwise. Meetings held in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Goffstown Town Hall.

### **Budget Committee**

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

### **Community Access Cable TV Committee**

Second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the GTV studio in Goffstown High School.

### **C.I.P. Committee**

May through November Wednesdays at 7:00 PM as needed.

### **Conservation Commission**

First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

### **Economic Development Council**

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

### **Highway Safety Committee**

As needed

### **Historic District Commission**

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall/School House #9.

### **Library Trustees**

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Library.

### **Parks & Recreation Committee**

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Parks & Recreation Center.

### **Planning Board**

Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

### **School Board**

First and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Area High School.

### **Sewer Commission**

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

### **Solid Waste Commission**

Third Wednesday of the month at 6:45 PM at the Public Works Department.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

# PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

## Governor

Craig Benson

## United States Senators

Judd Gregg

John E. Sununu

## Representative in Congress

Jeb Bradley

## Executive Councilor

David Wheeler

## State Senator

Lou D'Allesandro

## Representatives to

### General Court

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

Richard E. Fletcher

Randolph (Rip) Holden

Gary S. Hopper

Bruce F. Hunter

Neal M. Kurk

Karen K. McRae

Robert L. Wheeler

## Board of Selectmen

Henry C. Boyle, *Chair* 2004

Barbara J. Griffin, *Vice Chair* 2004

John C. Sarette 2006

Robert L. Wheeler 2006

Philip A. D'Avanza 2005

## Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 2004

## Town Clerk

Donna A. Bergeron 2005

## Town Treasurer

Jean C. Mayberry 2005

## Administrative Officers

Sue Desruisseaux, MPA

*Town Administrator*

Jim Bingham, MS

*Asst. Town Administrator*

Michael French, *Police Chief*

Frank Carpentino, *Fire Chief and  
Forest Fire Warden*

Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Director*

David L. French, *Recreation Director*

Dianne Hathaway, *Library Director*

Janice O'Connell, MBA,  
*Finance Director*

Gail Lavallee, *Tax Collector*

Ron Mace, *Assessor*

Edmond Neveu, *Building Inspector,  
Building Code Enforcement Officer,  
and Health Officer*

Stephen Griffin, *AICP Planning &  
Economic Development Coordinator*

Derek Horne, *Zoning Code  
Enforcement Officer*

Neil Funcke, *MS IT Administrator*

Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*

Paul Fitzgerald and William Drescher,  
*Town Counsel*

## ADA Compliance Committee

Rosemary Garretson 2004

Jean Mayberry 2004

Susan Desruisseaux 2006

Ellen Vermokowitz  
*School Board Rep.* 2004

Wayne Richardson 2004

Richard Hopf 2004

## Budget Committee

John Caprio, *Chair* 2004

Kevin Buckley 2006

Al Desruisseaux 2004

Gary Bernier 2006

William Gleeson 2004

Vivian Blondeau 2004

Dan Cloutier 2006

Raymond Labore 2004

Dennis Rechcygl 2005

Norm Pinard 2005

Suzanne Tremblay 2005

Scott Gross, *School Board Rep.*

Henry Boyle, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Richard Fletcher, *Goffstown Village*  
*Water Precinct Rep.*  
 Peter Georgantas, *Grasmere Village*  
*Water Precinct Rep.*

### **Building Board of Appeals**

Arthur Rose, Sr. *Chair*  
 Norman Chauvette  
 Darron Pierson  
 David White  
 Wayne Richardson  
 Paul Lebrun, *Alt.*

### **Cable TV Access Committee**

James Pingree, *Chair* 2004  
 Donald Gagnon, *Vice-Chair* 2005  
 Craig Battey 2004  
 Marie Boyle 2006  
 Andrea Card 2005  
 Rosemary Garretson 2006  
 Patrick Tucker 2006  
 Jim Bingham, *Gov't. Adv.*  
 Richard Gagnon, *PEG Coordinator &*  
*School Rep.*

3 Vacant Alternate Positions

### **Cemetery Trustees**

Ezra Beck, *Deceased*  
 Linda Reynolds-Naughton 2005  
 Leon Konieczny, *Co-Chair* 2006  
 Jean Walker 2004

### **C.I.P. Committee**

Richard Georgantas, *Chair* 2004  
 John A. Caprio, *Budget Rep.* 2004  
 Earl S. Carrel, *Community* 2004  
 Frederick P. Cass, *Community* 2004  
 Fred Plett, *Comm. Rep.* 2004  
 Janice O'Connell, *Finance Dir* 2004  
 Scott Gross, *Sch. Board. Rep.* 2004  
 Stephen Griffin, *Planning Adv.* 2004  
 Patrick Tucker, *Community* 2004  
 Barbara Griffin, *Sel. Rep.* 2004

### **Conservation Commission**

Collis Adams, *Chair* 2006  
 Janet Falcone 2005  
 Charles Freiburger 2004

Timothy Hanson 2005  
 Karen McRae 2006  
 Evelyn Miller 2005  
 Susan Tucker 2006  
 Jean Walker 2004  
 Jason Sachs, *Alt.* 2005  
 Barbara Griffin, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Lisa Yesse, *Alt.* 2006  
 Kimberly Peace 2006

### **Economic Development Council**

William Jabjiniak, *Chair* 2006  
 Margaret Dolbow, *Sec.* 2004  
 William Dolbow 2006  
 Henry Grady 2005  
 Bryan King 2005  
 Arthur Rose, Jr. 2005  
 Jeffrey Seifert 2005  
 Philip Tatro 2004  
 Bruce Hunter 2005  
 John C. Sarette, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Robert Wheeler, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Stephen Griffin, *TA's Rep.*  
 Richard Georgantas,  
*Planning Bd. Rep.*  
 1 Vacant Position

### **Goffstown Common**

#### **Oversight Committee**

Dave French, *Parks & Rec. Dir.,*  
*Chair*  
 Henry Boyle, *Sel. Board Chair.*  
 Carl Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*  
 Larry Brown, *Citizen Rep.* 2005  
 Mark Rynearson, *Citizen Rep.* 2005

### **Goffstown Village Water Precinct**

Allen D. Gamans, *Chair* 2005  
 Henry C. Boyle 2008  
 Richard Coughlin 2007  
 Richard Fletcher 2004  
 Raymond Taber 2006  
 Linda Reynolds-Naughton, *Clerk*

### **Grasmere Village Water Precinct**

Theodore Rohr, *Chair* 2004  
 Arthur Rose, Jr. 2006  
 William Swanson 2005



Diane Rand, *Clerk*  
 Alice Rohr, *Treasurer*

### Highway Safety Committee

Michael French, *Police Dept., Chair*  
 Stephen Griffin, *Planning & Economic  
 Dev. Coordinator*  
 Philip D'Avanza, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Carl Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*  
 Ruth E. Gage, *Comm. Rep.* 2006

### Historic District Commission

Philip D'Avanza, *Chair* 2004  
 Eleanor Porritt, *Vice Chair* 2006  
 Doug Gove 2004  
 Brenda Henk 2006  
 Elizabeth Merrill 2006  
 Barbara Perkins 2004  
 Terri August, *Alt.* 2006  
 Douglas Grant, *Alt.* 2004  
 Rodney Stark, *Alt.* 2005  
 Annie Vincent, *Alt.* 2005  
 David White, *Alt.* 2005  
*1 Vacant Alt. Position*

### Library Trustees

Theresa Paré, *Chair* 2005  
 Kenneth Rose, *Vice Chair* 2004  
 George Fullerton 2005  
 Barbara J. Griffin, *Sel. Rep.* 2004  
 Maureen McLean 2004  
 Barbara Totherow 2006  
 Russ Vanderhorst 2005  
 Steve Brzozowski, *Alt.* 2005  
 Susan Osburn, *Alt.* 2005

### Paper Roads Committee

Howard Leonard, *Chair*  
 JoAnn Duffy  
 George Hebert  
 Jane Raymond  
 Sue Desruisseaux, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Susan Tucker, *Alt.*  
*Vacant*  
*Vacant, Alt.*

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Robert P. Draper, *Chair* 2004

George Havener, *Vice Chair* 2005  
 Jeffrey Dorow 2004  
 Barbara Larkin 2004  
 D. Michael McKinnon 2006  
 Philip C. Tatrow 2005  
 Susan Tucker 2005  
 J. Claude LaRoche, *Alt.* 2004  
 Philip D'Avanza, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Vivian Blondeau, *Budget Rep.*

### Planning Board

James Raymond, *Chairman* 2004  
 JoAnn Duffy 2006  
 Richard Georgantas 2006  
 William Wynne 2004  
 Richard Murphy 2005  
 Joseph Beauchemin 2005  
 Collis Adams, *Alt.* 2005  
 Thomas Heaney, *Alt.* 2006  
 Miles J. Phillips, *Alt.* 2004  
 Lowell VonRuden, *Alt.* 2005  
 Robert Wheeler, *Sel. Rep.*  
 Barbara Griffin, *Alt. Sel. Rep.*

### School Board

Scott Gross, *Chair* 2004  
 Jane Raymond 2006  
 Ellen Vermokowitz 2004  
 Keith Allard 2006  
 Philip Pancoast 2005  
 Sara Ann Sarette 2005  
 Tammy Schofield 2005  
 Garrett Smith, *Student Rep.*

### School Moderator

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr. 2006

### School Clerk

JoAnn Duffy 2006

### School Treasurer

Helen Skoglund 2006

### School District Administration

#### S.A.U. #19

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent of Schools*  
 Gail Kushner  
*Asst. Superintendent*

Kathi Titus

*Asst. Superintendent*

Michele Croteau,

*Business Manager*

**Bartlett Elementary School**

David Bousquet, *Principal*

**Goffstown Area High School**

Mark Roth, *Principal*

Pamela Miller, *Asst. Principal for*

*Curriculum & Student Services*

Frank McBride, *Asst. Principal of*

*Student Affairs*

**Maple Ave. Elementary**

Marc A. Boyd, *Principal*

Leslie Doster, *Asst. Principal/*

*Special Ed. Coordinator*

**Mountain View Middle**

Rose L. Colby, *Principal*

Fred Deppe, *Assoc. Principal*

Sandra Davis, *Assoc. Principal*

**Sewer Commission**

James A. Bouchard, *Chair* 2006

Stephen R. Crean 2005

Paul LaPerle 2004

John Sarette, *Sel. Rep.*

**Solid Waste Commission**

Frank Leffman, *Chair* 2006

Kilton Barnard 2004

Eugene Haselton 2004

Paul Laperle 2004

I. Richard Schaffner, Jr. 2005

Fred Plett 2006

Thomas Lee 2006

John Sarette, *Sel. Rep.*

Tom Fatcheric, *Advisor*

*1 Vacant Position*

**So. NH Planning Commission**

Arthur Rose 2004

Robert L. Wheeler 2005

Barbara J. Griffin, *Alt.* 2005

**Supervisors of the Checklist**

Denise Lemay, *Chair* 2006

Helen Skoglund 2004

Patricia Wynne 2008

**Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Steven Murphy, *Chair* 2004

Andrew Szerlog 2006

Ezra Beck (Deceased)

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Anthony Marts, *Chair* 2005

Henry Grady, *Vice Chair* 2006

Richard Georgantas 2004

Gossett McRae 2004

Denise Renk 2005

Dianne Shakra 2005

Keith Allard, *Alt.* 2005

Marie Boyle, *Alt.* 2004

Michael Pelletier, *Alt.* 2005

*1 Vacant Alt. Position*

## *Executive Reports*

### SELECTMEN



#### GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*L-R: Robert Wheeler, John Sarette, Henry Boyle (Chair),  
Philip D'Avanza and Barbara Griffin, (Vice-Chair)*

We welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2003, report on steps taken to achieve our annual goals, and share our thoughts for the future.

The restoration of the Main Street Bridge was completed in 2003 with 80% funding from the State of NH. The improved sidewalks, railings and lighting on the bridge are also aesthetically pleasing as evidenced in the cover photo. We commend the Public Works Director for coordinating this effort and the subcontractors for their fine craftsmanship. We especially thank the public for their patience during the construction period.

During 2003 we also reviewed and updated the employee Personnel Plan. Changes in the plan were for clarification purposes as well as to provide consistency with language in union contracts. We continue to encourage employee wellness through the Wellness Committee. The town benefits in many ways from an active Wellness Program – healthier employees, more productivity due to less absenteeism, and fewer work related injuries. These benefits should

result in further cost savings in health and worker's compensation insurance rates.

GASB34 was implemented in 2003 and will result in new financial reports including a Management Discussion and Analysis report, which will be available following the town audit. Our Assessing Office was quite busy this year meeting the new State of NH certification standards and completing the revaluation. Our Building Office has also been busy implementing the new State of NH building codes for commercial structures and proposing the adoption of the International Building Codes for Residential structures in 2004.

Another goal was to improve communications with Goffstown residents. A community wide newsletter regarding the Official Ballot was distributed to each Goffstown household in February 2003. Other forms of communication included public hearings, press releases, fact sheets and broadcasts on GTV22.

Last year was the second year of the multi-year road plan and despite the early onset of winter two roads were reclaimed – Gorham Pond Road and East Dunbarton Road (from Montelona Road to Dunbarton town line). Hoyt Road will be reclaimed in the spring. In an effort to continue the progress of the road plan, we seek your approval this year to fund the third year of the road plan.

Our Public Works Department and Solid Waste Commission has been busy developing a cost effective plan to provide municipal curbside recycling. They recommend single stream municipal curbside recycling where all recyclables are placed in one container and picked up weekly by the town. It is estimated that when the bond is paid off, that this program will save the town approximately \$100,000 per year.

The seven-member Fire Service Task Force completed a long-range study on the future of emergency services in Goffstown. Their conclusions include: transition to 24/7 emergency service; construction of a facility to accommodate apparatus and administrative needs in a geographically central location; retention of the three current fire stations which provide a vital pool of call firefighters; continual evaluation, maintenance and replacement of fire apparatus; different options for the municipal alarm system; fire prevention officer as a dedicated position during business hours; and implementation of a public survey. This report serves as a tool for the board as we move forward in the decision making regarding the fire department emergency services.

We continue to encourage economic development in town and two members of our board serve as liaisons on the Economic Development Council. At this time several major projects are in the planning stages, one example is the rehabilitation of the mill building as a multiuse development.

The Board reached an agreement with the State of NH and Guilford Transportation regarding property acquisition for the Rails to Trails path along the former B&M railroad track. Design of the path will be addressed in 2004. This pedestrian path will provide connectivity between Pinardville and the Village area.

The Selectmen thank the hardworking team of town employees who have helped in carrying out the Board of Selectmen goals and the mission given by the voters. We bid farewell to retiree Fire Chief Paul Nault who dedicated thirty



years to Goffstown. We also recognize retiree Police Captain Donald Davidson who completed 27 years of distinguished service to the town.

We recognize and thank the many volunteers who serve on town committees, commissions and boards. Your countless hours and efforts assist us in meeting the ever-increasing demands on municipal government. The Main Street Program volunteers are recognized for all their efforts in promoting Goffstown's community image. We acknowledge the commitment and efforts of the Goffstown Main Street Director Robbie Grady who worked countless hours during the past five years to further economic development and the sense of community in Goffstown. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.

This year's many accomplishments are attributed to the support of the Goffstown voters at the last town meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

#### GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Henry C. Boyle, *Chairman*

Barbara J. Griffin, *Vice-Chairman*

John C. Sarette

Philip A. D'Avanza

Robert L. Wheeler

## **2004 WARRANT TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the county of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet February 4, 2004 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown Area High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on March 9, 2004.

You are further notified to meet March 9, 2004 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 9, 2004 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

To choose all Town Officers, Trustees, Commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Limit the residential density of manufactured housing parks and subdivisions.

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

### ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Edit changes for clarification, voiding approvals when implementation action has not been taken, and requiring certified foundation plans.

*Recommended by the Planning Board.*

### ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adoption, pursuant to RSA 674:51-a, of amendment to the existing town building code as proposed by the planning board as follows: Repeal the present BOCA building codes and adopt, by reference, the International Codes 2000 as published by the International Code Council and all future supplements of the International Residential Code, and any future supplements of the other International Codes that are adopted by the State.

*Recommended by the Planning Board.*

### ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows: Amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 18, lot 17, from Commercial (C) to Residential 2 (R-2). *(The property address is 7 Joffre Street.) (Submitted by Petition.)*

*Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

### ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adoption of amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows: Amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 18, lot 28, from Commercial (C) to Residential 2 (R-2). *(The property address is 8 Joffre Street.) (Submitted by Petition.)*

*Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred seventy eight thousand five hundred forty-one dollars (\$578,541) for the purpose of initiating a Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$533,800) of bonds or notes with bond related fees in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town.

The bonded amount of five hundred thirty three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$533,800) is for capital expenses including barrels, truck, 40' x 60' building, skid steer and attachments. The operating cost of forty four thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars (\$44,741) includes employee wages/benefits, vehicle operating expenses, and recycling disposal fees. The operating cost will be raised by property taxes.

It is anticipated that the savings generated from this program will cover the cost of the bond and at the end of the bond term will save the town an additional \$100,000 per year.

If this article passes, then the Operating Budget Article 8 will be reduced by sixty nine thousand four hundred seventy five dollars (\$69,475) which is equivalent to about four (4) months of the recycling contract.

(A 3/5-ballot vote is required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Budget Committee and Board of Selectmen in the amount of fourteen million eight hundred twenty eight thousand nine hundred forty nine dollars (\$14,828,949).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of seven million one hundred fifty nine thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$7,159,170).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of two million one hundred six thousand dollars (\$2,106,000) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of one hundred fifty two thousand forty-four dollars (\$152,044) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling fourteen million eight hundred twenty eight thousand and nine hundred forty nine dollars (\$14,828,949)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be fourteen million three hundred seventy eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$14,378,200), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only." NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

### ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan, which was initiated two years ago. This article is



designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

#### ARTICLE 10

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund which was established last year pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of land acquisition, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

#### ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2004. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

#### ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Goffstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000. To qualify, the person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including, without limitation, that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less \$24,000; and own net assets, whether married or not, not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

*Presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

#### ARTICLE 13

"Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of revising the municipal charter or establishing a new municipal charter?"

*Presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

#### ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$2,000 for service connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety.

*Submitted by petition.*

### ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$500 on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety.

*Submitted by petition.*

### ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$2,000 on the real and personal property of the surviving spouse of veteran who was killed in action or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28.

*Submitted by petition.*

### ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in a conservation fund, established under RSA 36-A:5, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith.

*Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

### ARTICLE 18

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

### ARTICLE 19

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our Hands and Seal this nineteenth day of January 2004.

### GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Henry C. Boyle, Chairman

Barbara J. Griffin, Vice Chairman

Philip A. D'Avanza

Robert L. Wheeler

John C. Sarette

Taken personally appeared the above named Henry C. Boyle, Barbara J. Griffin, Philip A. D'Avanza, John C. Sarette, and Robert L. Wheeler, and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk

## NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE

Thank you for the opportunity to report to the residents of Goffstown from the New Hampshire State Senate.

This past month the New Hampshire State Legislature began its work for the 2004 legislative session. During the upcoming session, I will be working diligently to implement a Pharmacy Benefit Manager system and a Preferred Drug List to keep pharmaceutical costs as low as possible. Another important priority will be to ensure that New Hampshire's Regional Planning Commissions receive funding so that they may continue to do their valuable work. As we go forward, the legislature will have to make critical decisions on education funding and public health, particularly for those most in need. Meanwhile, the state's economic recovery and job growth are ongoing issues of concern.

This session I will continue to serve my second term as Chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee and I am serving as Vice Chairman of the Senate Capital Budget Committee. I am also a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

I look forward to working on these issues with you. If you would like to discuss a particular piece of legislation with me or if I can be of help with a problem or concern please do not hesitate to call me at my office, 271-3078, or write me at: State House RM 117, Concord, NH 03301.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou D'Allesandro  
NH Senate, District 20

## STATE AID TO GOFFSTOWN

(Source: LBAO 12/31/03)

Type of Aid	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Net Adequate Education Grants	5,295,245	5,501,613	4,002,444
Meals & Rooms	441,133	487,387	487,387
Highway Block Grant	299,972	321,308	324,771
Environmental State Aid Grants	259,590	300,666	300,666
Building Aid	235,303	505,303	505,303
Revenue Sharing	232,273	232,273	232,273
Special Education	187,876	199,867	199,867
Retirement Normal Cont. - Teachers	131,353	161,564	161,564***
Public Water System Grants	32,099	31,152	31,152
Driver Education	4,800	28,650	28,650
Tuition & Transportation	3,687	2,978	2,978
Landfill Closure	-	127,248	127,248
Total	7,123,331	7,900,009	6,404,303

\*\*\* The FY 2003 normal retirement amount was calculated by applying the percentage by which the total FY 2003

Respectfully submitted,

Lou D'Allesandro,  
New Hampshire Senate (District 20)



## MINUTES OF 2003 TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

Moderator Rodney Stark called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. There were approximately 150 people present. He introduced the members of the Goffstown Police Explorers, who presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

He then welcomed the public to the deliberative session of the 2003 town ballot determination meeting, and introduced the people on the stage: Selectmen Robert Wheeler, Henry Boyle, Barbara Griffin, Bruce Hunter and Phillip D'Avanza; town administrator Sue Desruisseaux, finance director Janice O'Connell, assistant moderator Gossett McRae, town scribe Marie Boyle and town clerk Donna Bergeron.

He then recognized Parks and Recreation Director Dave French who announced that this was the 14th annual presentation of the Robinson-Cullerot award, and explained that this award is dedicated to Clinton Robinson and Lionel Cullerot who served the Goffstown Parks and Recreation Commission for a total of over forty years. He noted that each year they recognize people who have gone above and beyond for the community in the field of recreation, and named four folks whom he feels deserve that recognition this year - Jim Gallagher, Kurt Lauer and Alan Palmer, and the recipient of this year's Robinson-Cullerot Volunteer Award, Frank Szumiecz.

Moderator Stark explained how the meeting would be conducted and also explained the meeting procedures and said the ballot voting would be on March 11. At this meeting tonight, people are not voting to pass or defeat any articles, just to decide how they will appear on the ballot.

Explained that article 1 is the election of officers; articles 2 through 18 are articles on the town zoning process. The planning board has had their public hearings on those and they are not discussed here. Articles 19 through 31 will each be taken up in turn. They will be explained, discussed, debated and they're open for amendments if properly offered and if the amendment passes, that's the way that particular article will appear on the ballot - as amended.

**J. Caprio, Budget Committee Chairman moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant and have each article read as it came up. Motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.**

*Article 19 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) for the purpose of financing the Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. (A 3/5-*

*ballot vote is required). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee).*

**Selectman Bruce Hunter moved the article be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Wheeler.**

B. Hunter - This is for the curbside recycling and is separate and distinct from Article 27. The intent of this article is to provide the equipment needed for the town to take over the collection of curbside recycling from the private hauler that provides the service today. The bond would cover the costs for the additional truck and barrels needed to implement this program. The operating costs for the program are within the proposed budget in Article 22. The objective of this program is to provide for long-term savings with an automated collection system similar to our trash collection and the town would be less susceptible to unanticipated operational costs with each contract renewal.

Charlie Carr - How long will it be before we pay back this cost and start actually saving some money?

R. Wheeler - There's no specific answer to that because the one thing we don't know is what the renewal will be when we go out to bid in August, so to give you a specific time would be impossible. I would say probably around eight years. The reality is that there's a big change in the rate of savings once we pay off the bond - then the savings will be huge.

Sylvia Colburn - Can anyone tell me what the total cost of this program will be - article 19 for the equipment and article 27 all together?

R. Wheeler - I would prefer not to answer that question because I'm trying not to muddy the waters. This is for the equipment only; the operating costs for solid waste are in the budget. That's in article 22. Article 20, the next article, is the difference in the operating costs if article 19 fails to pass. Then we would put the \$33,000 in article 20 in the budget because the contract we have with the vendor goes through April now.

It's for a change in technology and having the work done by the town. The truck that comes to pick up your rubbish ...this is to get another one of those and to purchase the containers that we will put our recyclables in. Now the driver gets out of the truck, picks up the recyclables, sorts them, puts them into the truck and then he gets back into the truck. If the system changes, there will be two containers and the truck will be a town truck like the one that picks up the rubbish now. It will only deal with your recyclables.

Betsy Cranston - How much does it currently cost per year for the contract, to have it picked up the way it is now?

Carl Quiram, public works director - Right now, it's \$190,000. Next year's estimate is \$203,000.

This article is to pay for the truck, the personnel, etc. It will be approximately \$100,000 a year.

Bobby Perkins - I don't have much trash - is it possible I don't have to participate and I can bring my recyclables and trash to the transfer station?

B. Hunter - You will not have to participate if you don't want to.

Peter Georgantas - The barrels have been brought up. The barrels will generate \$220,000 in revenue. Once those sums come in and we find it isn't that expensive, will these charges be reduced? And if it costs more, will they be increased? If article 19 passes and article 27 doesn't, there will be no charge for recycling? (Answer was, 'that's correct').

Dick Georgantas - I chaired the CIP this year and this is the third year that the CIP committee heard this presentation from Carl. This presentation was made to CIP and the reason we endorsed it was because Carl's presentation reflected a savings to the community, rather than relying on the only vendor who provides this service. At the CIP level, we get down to how much everything is. When all those things were broken down, there was a savings to the community to do this - that's why this was endorsed by CIP.

Ryan Belanger - How does this promote recycling? Does it actually raise the tax rate?

R. Wheeler - It accommodates recycling in that we're acknowledging that we have two parts of the waste stream and this is a different method than we have now. It will raise expenses at a particular moment in time but not in this article. We appropriate the money and sell the bonds. The expense comes when we go to pay off the bond, but all of this is included in our whole fiscal presentation and the warrant submitted here by the board of selectmen. It's our position that there will be no increase in the tax rate.

Bob Dunn - We have to recycle, and it seems to me at this point we don't have much choice. We have only one vendor - they have us right where they want us. If they go out of business, we will have to scrounge for another one. I think this article, whether you like it or not, is almost a necessity.

D. Georgantas - In Carl's statement to CIP, the more we encourage recycling, the less cost for the community. We are not getting a good response to recycling now.

(Article 19 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 20 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to continue the curbside recycling contract. This amount will be appropriated only if Article 19 fails. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

**Selectman R. Wheeler moved to print the article on the ballot as written, seconded by Selectman P. D'Avanza.**

R. Wheeler - This article is here because as we put the budget together, we placed it in the warrant assuming that article 19 would pass. If a majority of the people in town - or in this case, 60%, don't pass it, then we will not be able to



start in September with this new method. The increase in costs for the vendor contract is \$33,000. That's why it says, only if article 19 fails. Since we have no idea how article 19 will go, this is here to protect against possible failure of article 19. This is to cover the contract from September 1 to the end of the year if article 19 fails.

Charlie Carr - What if that bond failed? Wouldn't it be a good idea to suggest to the voters that they vote for article 19 and for article 20?

R. Wheeler - I think there needs to be an understanding of what motivated this article. It's because we're in the form of government that we are. If we had the old traditional town meeting we wouldn't need this separate article. If article 19 doesn't make it we could amend it from the floor. But we can't do that anymore.

(Article 20 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 21 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the non-profit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc., for the year 2003. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee*

**Selectman H. Boyle moved to put the article on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman B. Griffin.**

H. Boyle - I think everybody is aware of this article. If you don't know what Main Street is, just mention Jim Beauchemin or the pumpkins and you have it.

(Article 21 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

JoAnn Duffy - Point of order - I have been attending town meetings for a number of years now and I noticed that the operating budget is the next article. Normally that's taken up at the end of the warrant. Does it take a motion to move it to the end?

Moderator Stark - We took these articles up in the order that they were presented. If there are special warrant articles which pass on March 11, the finance office would add it to the budget, because it's clearly stated on the warrant that they're not a part of the budget as it is now.

R. Wheeler - If you look at the warrant - there's nothing there that would require an amendment.

P. Georgantas - For example - if somebody wanted to make an amendment to article 23 and wanted to make a change to 22 to accommodate the change to 23, it could make a difference.

R. Wheeler - From the board of selectmen's perspective the last phrase - "this appropriation is in addition to Article 22" - whether you vote for amending the amount - whatever comes from that article is in addition to article 22 and requires no amendment.

J. Duffy - I disagree. If someone were to make an amendment and they

reduced an article, but then wanted to take a portion of that money and put it back into the budget, if we take the budget up next, it will make it impossible for anyone to amend the budget.

B. Griffin - Before the ballot is finalized and prepared, it's sent to the Department of Revenue Administration who gives us direction on how to place the articles and the direction we received from them was that the special articles should follow the operating budget. The selectmen's position is that article 23 - revised, amended, passed or not - will have nothing to do with 22. The other articles relate to the conservation issue.

Article 27, a new program, would have no effect on the operating budget and the article for the reapplication for some funds for rails to trails - when this was presented to DRA, this is what they asked us to do. We cannot amend the ballot between this meeting and when you go to the ballot box. That's why this was placed in this order.

**Moderator Stark - I have been handed a motion to move the discussion of article 22 to after article 28. Motion seconded by John Caprio.**

R. Wheeler - The way the warrant is constructed is a non-issue. There's nothing in here that demands an amendment. Everybody has their own perception of where things should be, but the people who put the budget together and the budget committee have a pretty good idea of where things are in the budget. The reality is, what's in the budget is enough money to pay the contractor for the contract. It ends in August. If we get our own truck in Article 19 - we're fine with the budget. That's the assumption that was made when we put this budget together. If it doesn't pass, we'll look for the \$33,000 in article 20. We have had those discussions. We are now going to discuss or not discuss article 22.

D. Georgantas - Mr. Wheeler's comment is, it's hard to talk about article 22 without getting to 27. That means to me that 22 should be moved to the end. If we can't dance around on this without messing up 27, let's reverse it.

**The previous question was moved and it was seconded and passed.**

**Moderator - Vote on the amendment - - amendment passed by a voice vote.**

(Article 22 will be discussed following Article 28).

*Article 23 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan which was initiated last year. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22).*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

**Selectman H. Boyle moved that article 23 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by B. Griffin.**

H. Boyle - This was the first year of the implementation of the new road plan. This year they're asking for \$1,810,490 to continue with the plan.

Fred Plett - The only question I have is, why it's even an article on the ballot. We approved it last year. The increase last year was probably \$3 a thousand and we used some surplus.

H. Boyle - You're correct. This is one of the three items that the budget committee asked that we put into a special article, and in order to go along with the budget committee we made it a special article.

John Caprio - The budget committee is on record as supporting the road program since it first came before the budget committee in late 2001. At that time the committee did not have enough time to analyze funding schemes and we approved it as an appropriation article. This year when it came up again, it was the sentiment of the budget committee that the selectmen should study bonding, given the fact that interest rates were so low. The selectmen decided against bonding it.

Moderator Stark - I have been given an amendment to this article. **"To amend Article 23 by reducing the amount appropriated from One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars to zero, with the intention of placing this article on the ballot for 2004 as a bond article, and to vote on this amendment by secret ballot."**

**Sue Tremblay seconded the motion.**

J. Duffy - The reason I put this out here is because I sat in on the budget committee hearings and heard the arguments on why they should or should not bond it. If you were here on Monday night, the school had four articles on their warrant with a tax increase of \$2 a thousand. If the pay-as-you-throw doesn't go, there's another \$2 impact. I thought we could wait one year since we can't do all of the roads at once.

F. Plett - The roads that were done this last year were some of the most backbreaking roads in town. Why wait until next year? I want our roads fixed now!

Evelyn Miller - I live on Back Mountain Road. Last year I thought this was so exciting - I really wanted to talk to Carl because I cannot believe what happened to the road this year. We have huge holes. They're supposed to come back and put a finish coat on, but they did all the drainage work and the road is almost in the same condition it was before they started.

C. Quiram - Let me address that. We did not build a new road. This year the frost is very deep. Our policy is we do not put the finish coat of asphalt on until the road has weathered one season. Then any difficulties will reveal themselves and we can correct them before we do the final coat the following year. These roads will never be frost heave free, but they will be better than they are. We're expecting to get ten or fifteen years from them. This year the frost is so deep that the drain pipes are frozen.

Moderator - I have a concern about this as well. Let me ask the petitioner. In



terms of the amendment, which you're offering, do you want to reduce this to zero? (Answer was yes).

**The amendment then would be to amend article 23 by reducing the amount appropriated from whatever it is to zero.**

**The previous question was moved, seconded and passed.**

Selectman Barbara Griffin - We haven't heard a reference to the CIP, which are the people who meet all summer and go through our requests for funds for major projects. The purpose of CIP is to prevent this community having to pay interest on bonds when it's not necessary and our purpose is to try to maintain that capital expenditure balance so we don't have huge swings from year to year.

In connection with the road plan, there would be significant interest costs incurred if we bonded it. And the ability of the community to have 1/3 of its roads done every three years - construction is a pain. Imagine that going on over 1/3 of the roads in this community. As the road plan progresses, we will be able to find we can reduce the cost. I would urge that this amendment to reduce it to zero be defeated.

Phil Pancoast - What this really has to do with is choices. We ask taxpayers to spend so many dollars. One of the opportunities we have is public kindergarten. I don't want us to find ourselves balancing a decision as to whether we go to public kindergarten where we have a substantial benefit from the state of New Hampshire, against whether or not to bond the road plan. I support the amendment because it removes that decision.

Mark Campbell - Last year the tax rate went up a dollar a thousand? (Answer was yes). If it's voted to zero tonight, does that mean there's still money in the budget already to do those roads? Taxes were raised last year for this. If it goes to zero now, what about that money that was raised last year? Does that mean that taxes will go down?

R. Wheeler - The money raised last year was in last year's budget and now we're talking about what will happen this year.

M. Campbell - If this is voted down to zero, do the taxes go down a dollar a thousand? (Answer was almost \$3). If this money was used in lieu of that money - do you have a problem with that? Last year we didn't pay \$2 because of surplus. If it's zero, there's an extra dollar. Will that be given back to us?

R. Wheeler - That's not how it works. What's here - the difference is a million dollars plus in money. That represents almost three dollars a thousand. If everything here passed, the tax rate would go up zero. That's how we planned it. If you pass everything but this, the rate should go down \$3. It says this article was recommended by the budget committee - I haven't heard anything from the budget committee about their recommendation.

John Caprio - I think the recommendation stands. The budget committee is on record for two years as supporting the road program.

Ryan Belanger - Question on the bond - we're bonding the trash cans but not the road. Second is, if we don't use all the money on the road, where does the

money go? I favor the roads, I just want this clarified. If the money isn't spent, does it go back into the town budget?

R. Wheeler - The word to use is appropriate, but the reality is if we don't appropriate the money, it doesn't exist and it doesn't go back anywhere. It will reduce the amount you have to raise by taxes, and it's the equivalent of almost \$3. If the money is raised in this article, then it's only for the road program.

Peter Georgantas - The reason we did this is for what we just heard. If it's a special article, the money goes to that program. If it isn't a special article, it can be used for something else.

**The previous question was moved and seconded. Motion to end debate passed by a voice vote.**

Assistant moderator Gossett McRae explained the procedure for voting by secret ballot. After everyone had voted, the moderator closed the polls.

**Moderator - There were 31 yes votes, 99 no votes. The amendment is defeated.**

(Article 23 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 24 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of the acquisition of land, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes, and to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in this fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

**Selectman Barbara Griffin moved the article be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bruce Hunter.**

B. Griffin - The purpose of this is to establish a non-lapsing account in the form of a capital reserve fund for the protection of open space through the purchase of land or development rights. In 2002 the conservation commission requested \$270,000 up front and \$60,000 a year for the following five years for a total of \$570,000. That would be offset by the approximately \$20,000 a year that the town receives from current use tax.

CIP recommended \$80,000 for six years to the planning board, and the planning board went back to the conservation commission's original plan. After much discussion, the board of selectmen and the budget committee recommended \$80,000 for the first year, and discussed the need for specific parcels. This would appropriate \$80,000 to a capital reserve fund and require a return to town meeting for authority to expend for any land acquisition. The next two articles will allow the selectmen to expend those funds.

(Article 24 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 25 - To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a which authorizes the acquisition or sale of land, buildings or both by the*

*selectmen, provided they follow the requirements of the statute and authority is to remain in effect rescinded by a vote of the Town. Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Selectman Phil D'Avanza moved that this article be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman H. Boyle.**

P. D'Avanza - A similar article to this was presented and approved at the 1994 meeting, however at that time the statute limited the authority to the sale of land. The statute has been revised and expanded to add buildings. The selectmen are bringing this forward in accordance with the new statutes.

Scott Gross - I strongly urge support of this article. I think it's important to let our elected officials do their jobs. We're a very large community and need to have the ability to do things if the need arises rather than wait every year.

(Article 25 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 26 - To see if the Town will vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the conservation capital reserve fund when established in accordance with statute. Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Selectman Barbara Griffin moved that this article be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman R. Wheeler.**

B. Griffin - The explanation is the passage of this article authorizes the board of selectmen to expend money from the funds for the purpose of land acquisition, etc. We have to follow the statute's procedures. If this article doesn't pass, we would have to come back to the town to expend any money from the capital reserve fund.

C. Carr - I wonder about this. Why wouldn't it be better to have the conservation commission able to spend this money right away?

B. Griffin - Our power to do any of this comes from the state statutes and the board of selectmen has the authority to acquire land, and only the selectmen can take money from capital reserve funds. The conservation commission would be involved in anything that went along with that.

(Article 26 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 27 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a "Pay as You Throw" trash and recycling program, and to authorize the Selectmen to establish user fees for the disposal of trash and recyclables. The intent of this program is to create an economic incentive to recycle, to provide equity for all users, and to eliminate the economic waste in the current recycling program. This program is expected to generate One Million One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Twenty-Four dollars (\$1,158,024) in revenue. (This revenue is in addition to Article 22.) Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*



**Selectman R. Wheeler moved that the article appear on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman B. Hunter.**

R. Wheeler - Article 27 is an alternative method to fund solid waste. Pay as you throw is a system whereby each resident pays only for the services they decide to use. This plan increases recycling and it passes the savings of reducing the waste stream in a proper fashion back to the consumer. The consumer has some choices in this program as to what barrels they will use and what fees they will pay. The alternative is to put it into the tax rate and you'll pay it according to the assessed value of your home. The Board of Selectmen can administer this program either way.

The system we've chosen to recommend is pay as you throw - not only changing the method of how you pay, but realizing some efficiencies in the system - not only the ones employed in Article 19, but also here you have an opportunity to pay less than in the present system. I want to put some information before you. (Selectman Wheeler referred to a paper that had been passed out - he explained in very detailed terms what would happen if this article did and didn't pass

F. Plett - I want to understand the numbers. The annual revenue - is that intended to cover the cost of the recycling program?

R. Wheeler - No, it isn't intended to cover any costs - it's a revenue article. This formula was developed as an incentive to recycle - it costs you less for recycling.

F. Plett - There are costs associated with recycling - is that revenue equal to the cost of recycling?

R. Wheeler - There's no relationship. This is a cost accounting formula - it's an incentive that's devised to get you to recycle more and there's no relationship in cost. We're trying to approximate what that revenue amount is and it's close to \$2. If we raise the tax rate by \$2, it would be that much money. Maybe what you're trying to do is tie this to a cost and it wasn't developed that way.

If article 19 passes, we buy the truck and the cans. Now if you buy into this formula and the town has the cans, as the consumer you'll say, I want the paper recycling can and the mixed container and I want the smallest container for regular waste because I'm going to recycle. Let's contrast that - let's say, I'm sick of recycling and I don't want to do it anymore. Give me the biggest can for garbage. I'll pay \$416 and if you want to recycle you don't have to subsidize me anymore.

(C. Quiram pointed out the three different sized cans up on the stage. He explained that there will also be changes instituted at the transfer station to accommodate this new plan).

P. Manney - If article 27 passes and I only take the \$104 bin and I take my recyclables to the transfer station my annual cost will only be \$104? (Answer was yes).

Gerry Sterling - The way I look at it is to follow what the board of selectmen



have said - it's their philosophy to keep the tax rate flat and they have worked very successfully to do that over several years. I see \$1.3 million - to be available - maybe we can get a full-time fire department, six or 8 more policemen, fix all the roads - and the tax rate will remain flat.

Peter Georgantas - We have this sheet, but it doesn't match the numbers on the ballot. There's almost a \$2 million difference.

C. Quiram - The sheet that was handed out - what that is, is a financial. There's no sure answer as to what that bottom line will be in the end - it depends on the consumers' decisions. Within the tolerances of the town budget, we can accommodate the lower or higher end. Next year maybe we will be able to do it better.

P. Georgantas - But we're being shown on the ballot, \$1,158,024. So you have already underestimated the revenues by \$200,000. Before you can revisit this, if it doesn't generate enough revenue, can it go up?

C. Quiram - Yes. The recycling markets change over time. We have to have public hearings before the selectmen before they can be changed.

Dick Georgantas - I have a couple of concerns with this - using trash to generate revenue. It could easily have been, every time a plow goes by you have to pay \$5. Now we have multiple items to look at to determine where the town expenditures are going. When I look at the tax rate and see taxes went up \$4, I can see that. But I don't like the idea that you have to find out how much money the trash tax is. I think it's to say we've leveled the tax rate, but found other ways to tax you. I really wish that this article had not appeared this year and I think there will be so many people turned off it will probably end up defeating article 19 as well.

Tricia Wynne - This is an alternate method to fund solid waste. That's now done through taxes? If we put a million dollars in this, how much will my taxes come down?

R. Wheeler - Your taxes won't be going up - that's the balance. We know if we get through an incentive plan that it can generate about this much money. If we don't, and that's okay, we can pay for it in our taxes just like we do now.

T. Wynne - But it isn't in the budget?

R. Wheeler - It is in the budget - if this article is defeated, then we don't get this revenue so we've reduced the revenue from sources other than taxation, so we have to make it up through taxes. That's why this sheet was included.

T. Wynne - So you will raise our taxes by \$2 a thousand if we don't vote this in?

R. Wheeler - Yes - without this our tax rate will increase by \$2. It's revenue - it cannot be spent. It's revenue other than taxes by accounting description, so it reduces the amount that has to be raised by taxes. The problem I see with this not being approved is, if I don't recycle at all and you do, you're paying for my lack of desire to recycle. I think that's unfair. The second thing with the system we have now, you have to go out and buy space in anticipation of what the

community would recycle. We are not using that capacity and we have to haul and pay for what's not being recycled.

T. Wynne - I have a problem with generating so much money. I think it's the opposite of getting people to recycle. In Dover we bought a trash bag. The taxes went down. I think the recycling bins should be free so they don't have to pay for them. . I think if you want the people of the town to recycle, recycling should be free.

C. Quiram - Before coming to work for Goffstown, I was project manager for Dover when bag and tag was implemented. Taxes didn't go down because there was a big increase in the school side of the budget that year. You can decide what size bucket you want, but it costs money to drive a truck around and ship the stuff to a MERV. I don't think it justifies recycling being free.

S. Gross - After hearing this - the town has a lot of needs and wants and I agree whether you're a selectman or a school board member, they're giving you a choice. I'm not saying I agree with the choices, but this is a way for you to decide. If you want to do this it may save you money. They tried to come up with a creative solution.

Steve Fournier - Don't be deceived, a fee is a tax, no doubt about that. Second, when we see a revenue, that's like putting a toll in the beginning of Goffstown and charging people to come in. It's a tax - revenues, fees, etc., it's a tax. This is over a million dollars that we will pay. Is it all for recycling? Someone tells me that this recycling program will cost me a million dollars a year. And someone said your tax rate would go up if you don't vote this in? In other words, they're looking to generate money for the budget. If we don't vote for the pay as you throw, your tax bill will go up \$2. I would rather see a program to repair the roads. I think recycling is something we should do. Why not just say we need \$2 more to pay for the roads?

R. Wheeler - That's a fair assumption. But I take exception to your talking about being deceived. It's very true what Steve said - what he didn't say was if we don't do it that way, we still won't get the rate of recycling that we need to be efficient. I think it's appropriate to have this open discussion and I think it's inappropriate to call it deception.

Sylvia Colburn - If I vote in favor of 22 and 27, am I voting to be taxed twice?

R. Wheeler - The \$33,000 is not related to article 27 - it's related to 19. The only reason that \$33,000 would ever be called upon is if we didn't get the truck and buckets.

S. Colburn - But if I vote against 27, all you will need is the \$33,000 to continue things as they are now?

R. Wheeler - Yes - and the difference would be that we will still deal with that vendor and the price will go up.

S. Colburn - Article 19 - if it failed. My trash removal is already in the budget and to continue you need an additional \$33,000? If article 27 gets passed, you're taxing me twice to get my recycling and trash.

R. Wheeler - No, because you're trying to count the budget and revenue on the same side of the ledger.

S. Colburn - So this revenue is not in that number? (Answer was that's correct). My taxes won't go up and I'm still getting my trash and recycling done?

R. Wheeler - If you vote no, the taxes will go up \$2.

**J. Duffy - I would like to amend this article to add something to the last sentence.**

**Moderator - The amendment is, "To offset increases in the town budget. Should this article pass, recycling will no longer be mandatory." Motion seconded by Pam Manney.**

J. Duffy - I have been trying to do my homework for this meeting and read through the selectmen's minutes when they were going over the articles, and originally this was posed to the selectmen by the administration with this language in it, and they chose to remove it. I think it's very important - to offset increases in the town budget. I think it's clear that everybody is confused and doesn't understand why there's this revenue and increase or non-increase, so I think this makes the article clearer. The second part - back in 1990, the town meeting voted to make recycling mandatory. It was then the selectmen formed the solid waste commission and put in ordinances. I think if town meeting voted it in, town meeting has to rescind it. I think this will make things a little clearer overall.

**The previous question was moved and the motion was seconded and passed. The vote on the amendment wasn't clear, so a second vote was taken. The amendment was defeated.**

Ryan Belanger - Don't we have to recycle?

R. Wheeler - The ordinance demands that we recycle - the question is about enforcement. The DPW and the selectmen have voted not to go to that level because we thought it would be inefficient. To have a garbage cop is very expensive.

B. Gage - Then why do we have the ordinance?

R. Wheeler - Because we wanted to get into recycling. Look at that one-armed bandit we have in town. When we put in mandatory recycling, we hoped that the community would respond better to recycling and if the plan worked well, we wouldn't be having this discussion

S. Tremblay - On recycling - I thought it was a rule. The community decided we wanted to enter into recycling and it was made mandatory. Now looking at the chart, we see there are issues in buying different size bins. But there's one group of people not reported on that sheet and that is those of us who are avid recyclers. We will be charged an additional fee - and on my street everybody puts his or her recycling bins out every week. If we were not recycling to our potential, I would have no problem becoming a garbage policeman. I'm not going to support article 27 because it's strictly to balance the budget and I think recycling is just a by-product of that.



B. Cranston - Will the bins that come with this pay as you throw program - can you use other bins that you already have?

R. Wheeler - It depends - if you favor this article and you choose the middle size, nothing changes. You will put the sticker on that particular bin.

B. Cranston - What about the other bins?

R. Wheeler - You will get two other bins to recycle in a different fashion.

B. Cranston - If I vote for this \$33,000 does that have any connection with buying the equipment in article 19?

R. Wheeler - Yes, that's why we can't go forward with bag and tag. We have already made investments in the equipment we have - to throw that out and start over is expensive.

S. Gross - Talking about bag and tag - was there any consideration about going bag and tag using our current equipment? (Answer was no). We know you need another truck for the recycling - could you have substituted the garbage truck and gone with the bag and tag?

C. Quiram - That would create two problems - 1) 1200 stops a day isn't possible with that technology and 2) we would have no backup truck. We have two of those trucks now. We're proposing buying a third and the backup would serve both routes.

T. Wynne - I understand - you're generating money to offset other programs. What about next year? How will we tell how much this will cost year to year if this is a revenue-generating program, because it really isn't an incentive to recycle? Will it be the same each year? Will it come down?

R. Wheeler - I think the capital things you purchase, you don't re-purchase. I would expect that unless something significant happens, the prices wouldn't change.

Julie Grandgeorge - Article 19 is a truck. Recycling comes up again in 27. I have to say this is recycling coming up in three separate articles. That's one thing I don't understand. So if 27 passes and 19 doesn't, how do we do recycling? I really recycle a lot and I think a lot of people do and I agree that this isn't a recycling incentive program - it's a tax. What if we have this and the roads don't pass? What will happen to the revenue? Does it go into the general fund? I would much rather see this program being offered with a line in the budget to offset it and just say you will have a \$2 increase in your taxes. I think this is hiding a tax increase

R. Wheeler - If you don't vote for 27, there will be a \$2 increase in taxes if the rest of the warrant passes. How hidden gets put into this is beyond me - I object to hidden.

D. Georgantas - What happens if 27 passes and 19 fails and we don't have the truck to do it with?

R. Wheeler - If we don't have the vehicle then we'll have to contract with someone to do it.

P. Georgantas - The bins are also in 19, so you wouldn't have the bins. That



would change the amount of revenue that would be generated.

R. Wheeler - No, you're altering the presumption. The presumption that was raised was that 27 passed.

P. Georgantas - Which is over a million dollars - it's a revenue.

R. Wheeler - So I think we're being asked what would happen if that passes but we wouldn't have the equipment to do it. If it's the selectmen's job to administer the budget that's approved at town meeting, then that's what our job is. Our job would be to administer the formula - we would have to contract out for it and pay that tab.

We will have to pay for recycling one way or another.

R. Belanger - Everyone in town will pay \$208, so if you're for 27 you need to vote for 19. On the two million dollars generated if we exclude all the other budget articles, will we reduce a million dollars from that general budget? The 'roads' is a special article

R. Wheeler - Everything in this budget has equal relevance. If you want to vote against 27 and keep the tax rate level, then you would say, "I have to find that amount of money and cut it on the expense side of the ledger". It might be roads; it might be the fire department or the police department. It's your choice.

R. Belanger - But when you talk about a million dollars plus, the special articles have nothing to do with that?

R. Wheeler - They don't on the warrant.

Ezra Beck - I think this is a great plan. Let the experts address this. What do we get back from recycling? We have paper, glass, cans, etc. Let those people get up and tell this group what the problems are at the end of the line.

C. Quiram - I'm not sure of the question. I guess you're asking what happens to the materials. Paper is probably a zero market. The way the system is today, we get nothing for it. We just pay to have it taken away. If 19 passes, we will go into the recycling business and be subject to those market conditions. Right now everything is included in a lump sum.

Moderator - I have been given an amendment. Is this language to be added to the end of the article?

D. Georgantas - In place of the dollar figure. Yes, at the end of the article.

Moderator - This program is expected to generate - **in place of that amount, it says, 'this program is expected to generate zero dollars in revenue.'**  
**Amendment was seconded.**

D. Georgantas - First of all, I'm in favor of the recycling program. My earlier statement I'm afraid will be true, and that is that article 19 will fail due to it's association with article 27. Article 19 is a win-win for the town. We get to do a better, more efficient job of doing our own recycling if the town does it.

Selectmen B. Griffin - The recycling program as set forth by the board of selectmen - I'm afraid I doubt it would remove the confusion if that revenue generated would be zero. It leads to more confusion. I hope that people see the intent of these articles and I hope they both pass.

F. Plett - I think it's clear that the amendment is to reduce the amount to zero - it essentially kills the program.

**I move the previous question.**

**Motion seconded and passed. Debate is ended.**

**Vote on the amendment was defeated.**

Chris McRae - Question for the selectmen and Carl - we have an ordinance now that recycling is mandatory, correct? But earlier tonight a question was posed and Carl said the consumers could elect not to purchase any of these trash management services from the town, correct? (Answer was yes). How does that jibe with mandatory recycling? If I purchase any of these things, how do you make mandatory recycling work?

R. Wheeler - We thought if you had an incentive program, then we wouldn't have to make it mandatory. The creation of ordinances is under the authority of the selectmen.

C. McRae - It's nice to have ordinances there - some people as a matter of principle may say I won't pay for this. I want to make sure that there will be no repercussions on the people who don't purchase recycling bins for the trash services.

R. Wheeler - I think you can be sure of that by remarks that were made earlier. This whole formula is incentive driven and if you can find a way that's cheaper than this system - go forward. We don't believe it exists.

C. McRae - I said the principle. I just want to clarify that so in the future when something does come up we don't have somebody say, that wasn't what was said.

Renee Gamache - What impact would this have on those of us in apartments, in relation to the dumpsters?

R. Wheeler - I don't know, but if I lived in an apartment, my choice would be - I'll pay for this because it's a part of my rent and if I don't vote in favor of 27, the taxes on the place where I live will go up \$2 a thousand. Usually that means that the rent goes up.

R. Gamache - But if I have a dumpster, how will that be affected?

R. Wheeler - It won't be.

R. Gamache - Another question. I have lived here for four years and in all that time, never once have I received any information about recycling. I guess if you want people to recycle, which is the bottom line, why isn't more being done to get the information out to those of us who've recently moved here?

(Article 27 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

*Article 28 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy-Eight Thousand dollars (\$78,000) for the town's portion of property acquisition and plan design for an alternative transportation path in the Town of Goffstown. This money was raised by taxation in 2001, but returned to the General Fund when negotiations could not be satisfactorily completed in time. A \$78,000*

*transfer from the General Fund Balance will fund this project. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d) and the authority to expend will be limited to one year. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22).*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

**Selectman P. D'Avanza moved that this article be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman H. Boyle.**

P. D'Avanza - Basically what this article does is extend the vote from 2001 by the voters for one more year for the board of selectmen to finalize. At the 2001 town meeting, voters voted \$78,000 for the land acquisition and plans for the rails to trails. The funding was 20% town and 80% by a federal transportation enhancement program. This was a special article and the authority to expend that money expired in 2002, and the money was returned to the general fund. The town is waiting for the owner to give us clear title to the property. If this occurs in 2003, we can still do it, because this article if it passes, will give us the authority to continue this through 2003.

Sylvia Colburn - I have a question about the way this is worded. Why are you asking to raise and appropriate the money?

P. D'Avanza - Because the money went back into the general fund. It came out of the column where we had the authority to expend it and into the column where we can't touch it - the general fund. This is not additional money.

R. Wheeler - It's municipal accounting. When the authority to expend that money ceased, then the money became a revenue. We can't spend revenues. We have to have an appropriation, which is an authority for expenditure. We've lost our authority to spend it.

Phil Pancoast - When will you get clear title?

R. Wheeler - We have absolutely no idea. This is an effort to continue for 12 more months the prospect of having a 'rails to trails' project.

P. Pancoast - The dollars available to extend this - they did what they should have done by putting it back into the general fund. Is there any way to push that, or will we have to do the same thing next year?

R. Wheeler - The reality is, if we don't do it this year, we've lost it and the reason is we have not yet obtained a title that's agreeable to the selectmen. What's on the table is a request of the seller to meet with the town, the attorney general and others.

P. Pancoast - In the event there isn't some agreement in the 2003 window of opportunity, do we have to re-vote it again in 2004?

R. Wheeler - Yes, but that's unlikely.

(Article 28 will appear on the ballot as printed.)

Moderator - Now we will go back to Article 22

*Article 22 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget*



*approved by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$13,928,753). This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$6,519,459).*

*The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$1,910,837) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article. The EMS Special Revenue Fund of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$134,479) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.*

*The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment; "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$13,928,753)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fourteen Million Eighty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$14,084,193), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only." NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.*

**Selectman R. Wheeler moved to place the article on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman H. Boyle.**

R. Wheeler - This is the budget. It represents just under a 2% increase in total expenditures. We have made reference to it all night - I don't think I'll make a long remark now. We will be happy to respond to any questions.

J. Duffy - Can you explain to me why the default budget is higher than the proposed budget?

R. Wheeler - That's how it worked out. Special articles are not a part of that calculation. It would look different if the road program had been left in the budget. That's what forced this type of result.

*(Article 28 will appear on the ballot as printed.)*

*Article 29 - This petition is being circulated to help get tax credits for Disabled Residents of the Goffstown community. We hereby ask this to be brought up for a town vote next election period.*

Moderator - Is there anyone here who wishes to address this? (There was nobody).

*Article 30 - To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees*



and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 31 - To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Peter Georgantas moved to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded by JoAnn Duffy - motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARIE BOYLE

TOWN MEETING ELECTION

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years	Vote for Two
Laurent Beaulac	506
Jeremy Dupuis	779
Bruce F. Hunter	1301
John C. Sarette	1663
Robert Wheeler	1383
Write In	
Write In	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years	Vote for Four
John A. Caprio	2264
Daniel J. Cloutier	2416
Write In -Vivian Blondeau	21
Write In - Kevin Buckley	21
Write In – Gary Bernier	8
Write In	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year	Vote for Three
William J. Gleeson	2419
Write In - Vivian Blondeau	13
Write in- Gary Bernier	12
Write In	

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years	Vote for One
Leon H. Konieczny	2712
Write-In	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years	Vote for Two
Barbara J. Griffin	2284
Miles J. Phillips	1135

Barbara Totherow	1690
Write-In	
Write-In	

### PLANNING BOARD

<b>For 3 Years</b>	<b>Vote for Two</b>
JoAnn Duffy	1702
Richard "Dick" Georgantas	1447
Lawrence "Larry" Pinard	1248
William Walsh	891
Write-In	
Write-In	

### PLANNING BOARD

<b>For 2 Years</b>	<b>Vote for One</b>
Joseph M. Beauchemin	977
Thomas Heany	324
Gail Labrecque	839
Miles J. Phillips	233
Lowell S. Von Ruden	346
Write-In	

### SEWER COMMISSION

<b>For 3 Years</b>	<b>Vote for One</b>
James A. Bouchard	2596
Write-In	

### SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

<b>For 3 Years</b>	<b>Vote for One</b>
Rosemary Garretson	942
Suzanne "Sue" Tremblay	1877
Write-In	

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<b>For 3 Years</b>	<b>Vote for One</b>
Andrew J. Szerlog	2597
Write-In	

### ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 4.3 "Two-family Dwellings" from two (2) to three (3) acres as follows: "Base District", R-1 & R-2 zones "Minimum Lot Size" 3.0 acres, "Minimum Lot Frontage" 300 feet. Footnote: Cannot be waived or lessened. *Submitted by petition.*

*Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes - 935**

**No - 2,416**

### ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 4.3 "Table of Dimensional Regulations" from two (2) to three (3) acres as follows: "Agricultural" A. Minimum Lot Size 3.0 acres. Footnote: (\*\*\*\*) Cannot be waived or lessened.

*Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes - 869**

**No - 2,501**

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 5.16 by renumbering the existing text as 5.16.1, and by adding a new section 5.16.2 Gasoline Stations: A gasoline station with or without accessory service bays or convenience stores is not permitted within two (2) miles (lot line to lot line) of an existing service station measured by road length to and from each property. 5.16.2 cannot be waived or lessened. *Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

Yes – 2,199

No – 1,191

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 15.3.2 “Special Exceptions” to add section 15.3.2.1.5 as follows: Special exceptions and/or accessory uses cannot be granted on a lot where a proposed zoning change by warrant article on “the lot” was previously denied by the people. 15.3.2.1.5 cannot be waived. *Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

Yes - 726

No – 2,406

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 5, lot(s) 54, from Agricultural to Commercial. *Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

Yes - 892

No – 2,463

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 15.2.1 “Zoning Board of Adjustment” as follows: In accordance with NH Election Laws, Chapter 669 Town Elections, beginning with the March 2004 elections, to change the ZBA from an appointed board to an elected three (3) member board. Selectmen will appoint up to three (3) alternates and one (1) Planning Board Representative. Planning Board representative will be recommended by the Planning Board to the Selectmen. *Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

Yes - 969

No – 2,273

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt a zoning ordinance, pursuant to the provision of NH RSA 674:22 and RSA 674:23, imposing interim regulations upon development in Goffstown by establishing a moratorium on approval of new subdivision applications and the issuance of building permits for new construction for one year from the date of passage of said ordinance. With a continuing unprecedented influx of residential development proposals, crowded schools using portable classrooms, and severe traffic flow problems at peak hours, Goffstown faces (per RSA 674:23) “unusual circumstances requiring prompt attention” to prevent such development from creating undue burdens on the town’s schools, finances and infrastructure. The purpose of said ordinance shall

be to: a) allow time for completion of updating of town's 1997 master plan to reflect correct and current local and regional data; b) allow time for completion of Route 114 corridor study; c) allow time for revision of Capital Improvements Program matrix regarding appropriations for construction of a new elementary school; d) allow time for the planning board to develop additional zoning ordinance amendments providing for phased development of major projects involving 20 or more building lots. *Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 1,183**

**No – 2,160**

## **ARTICLE 9**

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance (a) to clarify definitions, including “multifamily”, “setback requirement” and “storage containers” within the glossary; and “small offices”, “motels” and “hotels” within Section 3.8 Table of Uses; “home occupations” within Section 3.9, Table of Accessory Uses and Section 5.10.2 Home Occupations; and (b) add a paragraph limiting the size of multifamily building; (c) to delete paragraph 5.12 Lodging Facilities; (d) to correct the floor area ratio formula in Section 6.4.1 Industrial Floor Area Ratio; (e) to define how sign area and heights are to be measured in Section 7.2.1 Sign Measurement; (f) to remove advertising from incidental signs in Section 7.3.4 Incidental Signs; (g) to correct a typographical error in Section 8.2.1 Computation of Number of Spaces Required; (h) to clarify the definitions in Section 14.7.3.3 Non-conforming Lots; (i) to increase the time to twenty-five days in Section 15.3.7.2 Deadline and Materials; (j) to modify Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board in accordance with the ZBA's review process; (k) to clarify the Planning Board review relative to Sections 15.4.1.4.5 Visual Impact, 15.4.1.5.2: Architectural Design Review, and 15.4.2 Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review; and (l) to correct references in Section 8.1.3 Location of Required Parking and in Section 8.2.3 Requirements Where There are Multiple Uses or Buildings on a Lot, specifically:

a. Within the Glossary:

(1) Amend “Multi-family” so that it reads: A building containing three (3) or more dwelling units or a group of two (2) or more buildings containing at least two (2) dwelling units per building.

(2) Add a new definition “Setback Measurement” to read: The setback is measured from the property line or the edge of the right-of-way, if the property line encroaches on the right-of-way.

(3) Relative to storage containers (a) add a new definition for Storage Containers to read: Storage containers, truck trailers, shipping containers or other similar containers are defined as structures, and (b) add a line for storage containers in Section 3.9 Table of Uses under Accessory to a Principal Residential Use as being allowed in any district as a use in conjunction with an active building permit, and (c) add a line for storage containers in Section 3.9 Table of Table of



Uses under Accessory to a Principal Non-Residential Use as being allowed only in the C and I as structures in accordance with a Planning Board approved site plan.

(4) Within Section 3.8 Table of Principal Uses, amend “Small offices of healthcare practitioners including outpatient healthcare” to read “small offices, not exceeding 1,500 square feet, of general business and professional offices and healthcare practitioners including outpatient healthcare”.

(5) Within Section 3.8 Table of Principal Uses: combine “Motels” and “Inns or Hotels” into one use, and allow as Inns and Hotels are now allowed.

(6) Within Section 3.9 Table of Accessory Uses: amend the accessory use to a Principal Residential Use so that Home Occupations are permitted in all districts.

(7) Delete paragraph 5.10.2 under Section 5.10 Home Occupations, and renumber its following paragraphs as appropriate.

b. Add a new paragraph 4.4.2 Number of Units that reads: In no case shall a multi-family building, except a bonafide student dormitory, contain more than twelve (12) dwelling units, except by Conditional Use permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the proposed building(s) are in scale with both their neighborhood and the Town as a whole.

c. Delete Section 5.12 Lodging Facilities, and re-number other paragraphs.

d. Within Section 6.4.1 Industrial Park Floor Area Ratio, amend the phrase “not be less than” to read “not be more than”.

e. Add the following new Section 7.2.1 Sign Measurement to read:

#### 7.2.1 Sign Measurement

##### 7.2.1.1 Sign Area:

The surface area of a sign shall be determined by the maximum height of the sign multiplied by the maximum width. The surface area of a sign shall include all lettering or elements of a sign, accompanying design and symbols, together with the background, whether open or closed, on which they are displayed, but not including any supporting framework and bracing which are incidental to the display itself and which are not designed to attract attention. Where the sign consists of letters or symbols affixed to a surface or building, without any distinguishing border, panel or background, the area shall be considered to be the smallest rectangle or shape that encompasses all of the letters and symbols. The area of multi-faced signs shall be determined by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two identical signs are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any point at the same time, and when such sign faces are fixed to the same sign structure, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces. Signage on an awning shall be measured as a wall sign, except that if the awning is lighted, the entire awning shall be considered signage, measured by the amount of wall area that is covered by the entire awning. The total sign area for a property shall be the sum of the area of all signs located on the property.

##### 7.2.1.2 Sign Height:

The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of the grade prior to construction or the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, mounding or excavation solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

f. Add the following sentence within Section 7.3.4 Incidental Signs: Incidental signs shall not include a business name, logo or other advertising.

g. Within Section 8.2.1 Computation of Number of Spaces Required, amend “fraction of one-half (2)” to read “fraction of one-half (1/2)”.

h. Replace Section 14.7.3.3 Non-conforming Lots to read: The proposed use of the non-conforming lot conforms to the front, side and rear yard requirements and to the maximum lot coverage requirements of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensions.

i. Within Section 15.3.7.2 Deadline and Materials, amend the reference to twenty (20) days to be twenty-five (25) days.

j. Relative to reports from the Planning Board:

Amend Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board to read:

The Zoning Board shall deliver to the Planning Board a copy of any application relating to (a) a commercial or industrial project or use, or (b) a residential use of three or more units for which site plan approval will be required, for the Planning Board’s review and comment. Except in extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate action, the Zoning Board shall make no substantive decisions on the application until at least thirty (30) days thereafter. The Planning Board may submit a report or an advisory opinion to the ZBA, and may present testimony at the public hearing, on any application before the ZBA.

(2) Add a new Section 15.3.7.6 Reports from the Conservation Commission to read:

The Zoning Board shall deliver to the Conservation Commission a copy of any application relating to a variance request concerning wetlands setback, for the Conservation Commission’s review and comment. Except in extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate action, the Zoning Board shall make no substantive decisions on the application until at least thirty (30) days thereafter. The Conservation Commission may submit a report or an advisory opinion to the ZBA, and may present testimony at the public hearing, on any application before the ZBA.

(3) Renumber Sections as required.

k. Relative to the Planning Board review:

Within Section 15.4.1.4.5 Visual Impact, add the following sentence: In evaluating visual impact, the Planning Board may consider architectural and design elements.

Also delete Section 15.4.1.5.2: Architectural Design Review.

Within Section 15.4.2 Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review, add the following sentence: Within the Site Plan Review process, the Planning Board

may consider architectural and design elements in order to address compatibility with other development in the area and the goals of this ordinance and visual impact on abutting properties and on the public.

l. Relative to correcting cross-references:

Within Section 8.1.3 Location of Required Parking, amend reference to Section 8.06 to be Section 8.5.

Within Section 8.2.3 Requirements Where There are Multiple Uses or Buildings on a Lot, amend reference to Section 8.6 to be Section 8.5.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,402**

**No - 914**

**ARTICLE 10**

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance relative to clarifying the definition of building and Section 5.1 Accessory Buildings and Facilities, specifically:

Within the glossary, add to “Building”: The term Building shall include structures of permanent or temporary construction, plastic and canvas covered framed structures, structures installed on skids, blocks or a permanent foundation, and all shed and storage facilities.

Add “sheds and portable structures, including plastic and canvas covered framed structures” to the list of examples included as accessory buildings.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 1,996**

**No –1,345**

**ARTICLE 11**

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance relative to Section 8.8 Parking and Storage of Unregistered Motor Vehicles, specifically:

Amend Section 8.8 Parking and Storage of Unregistered Motor Vehicles to read:

In any district, not more than two unregistered motor vehicles or trailers shall be parked or stored, except in enclosed buildings, or in areas that have been designated for such parking and/or storage by Planning Board approved site plans, or in a residential district approved by Special Exception by the ZBA, subject to appropriate screening, setback and other conditions, or less than four vehicles or trailers are stored in a location and manner approved by the zoning administrator. As used herein, unregistered motor vehicle or trailer shall mean a motor vehicle or trailer that would be subject to state vehicle registration if operated or transported on public highways, but which does not have a current valid number plate, or plates attached.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,402**

**No - 914**

**ARTICLE 12**

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance to define Tattoo Parlor as a commercial establishment, to allow it only by Special Exception in the Commercial district and to set forth supplemental standards and conditions relative to and limiting its location, specifically:



Within the Glossary, add a definition for Tattoo Parlor to read: A commercial establishment, which either as a principal or as an accessory portion of its business, provides tattooing or body piercing, or both, except for ears, which are not defined as body piercing.

Add Tattoo Parlor to the Table of Uses as a Special Exception (SE) in the Commercial (C) district as use #F-5, renumbering other uses in this table as required; and

Add a new paragraph under Supplemental Standards: A Tattoo Parlor shall be permitted subject to the following conditions: (1) The use shall be located no closer than 1,000 feet from any school, church, or park or from the boundary of the R-1, R-2 and A District, and (2) The use shall not be located closer than 1,000 feet to another Tattoo Parlor.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,402**

**No - 914**

### ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance relative to the Village Commercial district, allowing a concert hall or indoor theatre as a conditional use, specifically:

Add to Section 3.8 Table of Uses so that Concert halls or indoor theaters are allowed as a Conditional Use in the Village Commercial district.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,282**

**No - 569**

### ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance by clarifying the Section 6.5 Nuisances and Hazards under industrial parks and placing it in section 3 so that it applies to all districts, specifically: Delete Section 6.5 Nuisances and Hazards. Add a new Section 3.7 Nuisances and Hazards to read:

No use may be made of any lot that may: Become an excessive annoyance or nuisance to other properties by reason of unsightliness or the excessive emission of odors, dust, fumes, smoke, noise, heat or glare; or unreasonably increase the fire hazard to adjoining properties as measured by fire insurance ratings.

c. Add a new Section 3.8 Waste Material to read:

Property owners shall properly dispose of any waste materials, and shall not permit any waste materials to remain on any property, except in an enclosed area approved by the Planning Board.

d. Renumber paragraphs as required.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,748**

**No - 643**

### ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance by requiring an additional three parking spaces for restaurants where take-out food counter service is available, in Section 8.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements, specifically:



- a. Add to Section 8.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements under restaurants the requirement that restaurants shall provide an additional five (5) parking spaces where take-out food counter service is available.
- b. Note in table that this requirement may be waived in part, or in its entirety, by the Planning Board through their site plan review process.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

Yes – 2,233

No – 1,137

ARTICLE 16

Shall the town amend the zoning ordinance controlling the location, height and light projection of outdoor lighting in order to insure the maintenance of Goffstown’s character and to prevent further reduction of visibility of the night sky, to insure efficient use of lighting and to reduce unsafe or annoying lighting conditions, specifically:

- a. Add a new Section 9 to read as follows:  
Section 9 Outdoor Lighting

9.1 Purpose

It is the intent of this section to maintain Goffstown’s character and to prevent further reduction of visibility of the night sky, to insure efficient use of lighting, and to reduce unsafe or annoying lighting conditions.

9.2 Location and Height

Any new outside lighting whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall be mounted at a height equal to or less than the value  $3 + (D/3)$ , where D is the distance in feet to the nearest property boundary. The maximum height of the light source shall not exceed 25 feet.

9.3 Light Projection

Any new outside lighting, whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall project no more than 3% of its light rays above the horizon from the lamp, its lens structure or any associated reflector. In addition, any new lighting greater than 20 foot-candles on the ground requires the submission of a detailed engineering lighting plan, and the receipt of a lighting permit from the zoning administrator.

9.4 Exceptions

Exceptions include all temporary lighting required for public or private construction projects, all temporary emergency lighting related to police, fire or other emergency services, all hazard warning luminaries required by Federal regulatory agencies, to the degree and extent required, and all seasonal, decorative lighting displays using multiple low wattage bulbs. The Planning Board may grant exceptions for outdoor recreational facilities and for historic purposes by Conditional Use Permit.

- b. Renumber other sections as required.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

Yes – 2,609

No - 778

## ARTICLE 17

Shall the town amend the zoning ordinance, increasing the wetland conservation district to 100 feet from certain defined wetlands, specifically:

a. Replacing Section 13.3.3 Limits of the WC District with the following: Section 13.3.3 Limits of the WC District. The precise location of the WC district boundary shall be determined by an on-site inspection of soil types, vegetation and hydrology by a certified soil scientist in accordance with the requirements of the Goffstown Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations.

The WC District includes those contiguous wetlands, any part of which lie within the Town of Goffstown, that are two thousand (2,000) square feet or larger, and those wetlands that are of any size if contiguous to surface waters, as well as any land within fifty (50) feet of those wetlands, of any lots that were created on or after March 9, 1993.

The WC District also includes those contiguous wetlands, any part of which are twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or larger, as well as any land within one hundred (100) feet of those wetlands, of any lots that were created on or after March 11, 2003. The provisions of this section do not apply to lots that are in the C, I, RSBO or VC zoning districts. Relief from this section may be granted by the Planning Board, following recommendation of the Conservation Commission relative to its impact on the functions and values of the wetland system, and upon a finding that the wetland's functions and values have not been compromised.

b. Delete paragraph 13.3.7.1 and renumber Section 13.3.7 as appropriate.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,333**

**No - 976**

## ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance Section 10 Open Space Developments in order to make it more flexible, and more completely meeting Goffstown's Master Plan goals, specifically, replacing the existing Section 10 with the following overlay district:

### OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENTS

13.5.1, Authority. This Section is adopted pursuant to the provisions of RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls. The Planning Board shall administer the application, review, and approval process for Open Space Developments through the subdivision of land process, including lot line adjustments.

Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of this Section of the Zoning Ordinance is to allow and encourage alternative subdivision designs that preserve Goffstown's rural character and environmentally sensitive elements, while providing housing that is more desirable in its design for the town and for the general public.

Open Space Developments shall promote the following objectives:

Maintain the rural character of the town through the preservation of natural resources and open space;

Preserve agriculture and farming within the community where possible, achieving a balance between farming, open space and residential growth; Encourage the use of land in accordance with its character and adaptability, including view sheds, assuring the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural lands, and other natural resources; allowing innovation and greater flexibility in the design of residential developments while facilitating the coordination of design and use between adjacent properties; Encourage a less sprawling form of development, thus preserving Open Space as undeveloped land or for dedicated recreational use;

- a) Provide adequate setbacks and buffers to minimize any adverse affect of the use of a property on neighboring properties; and
- b) Promote a natural system of storm water management to minimize erosion and to encourage aquifer recharge.

13.5.3 Location. An open space development may be approved only on land located within the R-1, R-2, Agricultural or Conservation zoning districts and having a Parent Lot of ten (10) acres or larger.

13.5.3.1 Mandatory Use of the Open Space Development. Any subdivision or other division of land, including lot line adjustments that may create additional developable lots, must use an Open Space Design in the Agricultural and Conservation districts if the Parent Lot size is twenty (20) acres or larger, unless

- (a) The completed subdivision of the Parent Lot will have a total of no more than five (5) lots; or
- (b) All lots in the completed subdivision of the Parent Lot will have a minimum of ten (10) acres in size.

13.5.3.2 Optional Open Space Designs. Open Space designs are optional in the R-1 and R-2 Districts, and in Agricultural and Conservation Districts where the Parent Lot is less than twenty (20) acres in size.

13.5.4 Subdivision Approval Required. An Open Space Development shall require Planning Board approval. The application for approval shall comply with the Planning Board's subdivision regulations and the following requirements:

13.5.4.1 Site Analysis. The applicant shall submit a site analysis plan showing the physical features and character of the site and the surrounding area.

13.5.4.2 Density Determination. The applicant shall submit a yield plan showing that the net density will be no greater than permitted within that zoning district for a conventional subdivision or development, unless waived by the Planning Board upon a finding that the proposed number of dwelling units is well within the density requirement.

13.5.5 Flexibility. As an exception to Section 13.1, and to encourage flexibility and creativity consistent with the Open Space Development concept, the Planning Board may waive the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for frontage, yard, lot size, and density standards, upon a finding that the



granting of the waiver will promote the objectives of the Open Space Development and will not adversely affect other properties or the public.

13.5.6 Open Space Requirements. The total area of dedicated open space shall equal a percentage of the total site, as follows:

<u>Base Density (Dwelling Units /Acre)</u>	<u>Open Space Required (% of Buildable Area)</u>
1 or greater	40%
Between 0.5 and 1	45%
0.5 or less	50%

13.5.7 Permanent Restriction of Open Space. Open space land shall not be further subdivided or used other than for recreation, conservation or agricultural purposes, except for easements for utilities, except as approved by the Planning Board.

13.5.8 Definitions.

- (a) Base Density - The original maximum density permitted under the property's residential zoning district (dwelling units per acre).
- (b) Buildable Area - All of the area of a parcel, except (a) the area of any street right-of-way proposed to be dedicated to the public; (b) any submerged land area; (c) any portion of the project used for cisterns (may be waived); (d) slopes in excess of 25%; (e) steams, wetlands and Wetland Conservation District areas; and (f) utility rights-of way.
- (c) Open Space - A portion of a development site that is permanently set aside for public or private uses and shall never be developed.
- (d) Open Space Development - A development pattern that arranges the layout of buildings in a compact area of the site so as to preserve and protect, in perpetuity, a portion of the site for recreational or natural open space as an integral part of the overall plan.
- (e) Parent Lot - Any lot, as it existed on March 11, 2003, the date this ordinance went into effect.
- (f) Yield Plan - A plan submitted by the applicant showing a feasible conventional subdivision under the requirements of the specific zoning district in which the property is located and the requirements of any and all State and local subdivision regulations.

*Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

**Yes – 2,463**

**No - 846**

## ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) for the purpose of financing the Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) of bonds or notes with bond related fees in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other



terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town? (A 3/5 ballot vote is required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 1,537**

**No – 1,833**

### ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to continue the curbside recycling contract? This amount will be appropriated only if Article 19 fails. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 2,716**

**No - 658**

### ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2003? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 2,313**

**No – 1,042**

### ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three dollars (\$13,928,753)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fourteen Million Eighty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three dollars (\$14,084,193), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. *Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 2583**

**No - 737**

### ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan, which was initiated last year? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 2382**

**No - 1003**

**ARTICLE 24**

Shall the town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquisition of land, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes and to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in this fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.) *Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 2236****No - 1115****ARTICLE 25**

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a which authorizes the acquisition or sale of land, buildings or both by the Selectmen provided they follow the requirements of the statute and which authority is to remain in effect until specifically rescinded by a vote of the Town?

*Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Yes –1862****No - 1358****ARTICLE 26**

Shall the town appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund when established in accordance with statute?

*Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Yes – 1777****No - 1465****ARTICLE 27**

Shall the Town establish a “Pay As You Throw” trash and recycling program, and authorize the Selectmen to establish user fees for the disposal of trash and recyclables? The intent of this program is to create an economic incentive to recycle, to provide equity for all users, and to eliminate the economic waste in the current recycling program. This program is expected to generate One Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Twenty-Four dollars (\$1,158,024) in revenue. (This revenue is in addition to Article 22.)

*Presented by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Yes – 1812****No - 2590****ARTICLE 28**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Seventy Eight Thousand dollars (\$78,000) for the town’s portion of property acquisition and plan design for an alternative transportation path in the Town of Goffstown? This money was raised by taxation in 2001 but returned to the General Fund when negotiations could not be satisfactorily completed in time. This project will be funded by a \$78,000 transfer from the General Fund Balance. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d) and the authority to expend will be limited to one year. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

**Yes – 2210****No - 1147**

ARTICLE 29

This Petition is being circulated to help get tax credits for Disabled Residents of the Goffstown Community. We hereby ask this to be brought up for a town vote next election period. *Submitted by petition.*

Yes – 1775

No – 1485

2003 ELECTION RESULTS

Election Name	Date	Votes Cast District 1	Votes Cast District 5	Total Votes Cast	% Voter Turnout	# New Registrants	Total # Registered Voters
Town / School Election	3/11/2003	2,685	861	3,546	39%	168	9,080
Town Ballot Determination Meeting	2/5/2003	n/a	n/a	156		n/a	8,956
School Ballot Determination Meeting	2/3/2003	n/a	n/a	105		n/a	8,956

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



*Seated L-R: Evelyn Redmond, Sue Desruisseaux, Janice O'Connell,  
L-R: Linda Moody, Jim Bingham, Neil Funcke, Karen Mullaney*



## 2003 MARRIAGES

DATE		NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Jan.	4	Robidoux, Dana V.	Bangor, ME	
		Talbot, Kathryn E.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	4	Underwood, Michael D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Bellemer, Elizabeth A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	19	Smith, Tony L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Ladue, Ellen N.	Goffstown, NH	Amherst
Feb.	14	Kingsbury, Anthony	Goffstown, NH	
		Chabre, Glenna I.	Auburn, NH	Manchester
	22	Renaud, John N.	Hooksett, NH	
		Daigle, Nancy J.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	22	Adams, Christopher E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Buergin, Marissa	New Boston, NH	Manchester
	28	Antle, Conray P.	Goffstown, NH	
		McKenney, Sabrina L.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
Mar.	1	Yianakopolos, John A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Baldwin, Terry L.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	3	Petrain, Richard D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Grondin, Francine A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	3	Bergeron, Jason M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Tolman, Sarah J.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
	10	Enos, Robert W.	Goffstown, NH	
		Barton, Joan A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	11	Londono, Javier	Goffstown, NH	
		Rojas, Maria C.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
Apr.	19	Boyer, Charles I.	Goffstown, NH	
		Fiske, Heidi L.	Goffstown, NH	Chichester
	19	Neel, Sean J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Griffin, Kathleen L.	Goffstown, NH	Salem
	19	Hughes, James R.	Manchester, NH	
		Gosztyla, Elizabeth A.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
May	2	Allen, Matthew C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Manning, Carolyn M.	Boston, MA	Windham
	3	Little, Scott C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Renaud, Kimberly A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	10	Johanson, Walter W.	Goffstown, NH	
		Johanson, Sigrun I.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	17	Swiggard, Ronald L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Ward, Joan M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	17	Morgan, Andrew P.	Goffstown, NH	
		George, Katherine L.	Goffstown, NH	Hudson
	17	Tancrede, Jeffrey A.	Candia, NH	
		Saunders, Vanessa B.	Goffstown, NH	Candia
	22	Taylor, Paul B.	Goffstown, NH	
		Levesque, Kim M.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	23	Young, Derek A.	Hooksett, NH	
		Forcier, Catherine A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester

	24	Parents, Albert T.	Goffstown, NH	
		Raymond, Deborah J.	Goffstown, NH	Gorham
	24	Lefebvre, Jacques M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gagnon, Jessica A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	31	Belliveau, Daniel E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Perry, Cheryl M.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
<b>Jun.</b>	1	Bless, Blake A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Young, Jennifer S.	Merrimack, NH	Bedford
	6	Madsen, Mark P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gagnon, Sarah E.	Goffstown, NH	Hudson
	7	Berthiaume, Jeffrey E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Blanchette, Christine L.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	7	Goodman, Michael	Goffstown, NH	
		Legere, Gail A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	7	Salisbury, Thomas J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Demers, Nancy S.	Goffstown, NH	Hudson
	8	Thompson, Ralph G.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gauntt, Susan M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	14	Rumore, Mark M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Martin, Mary	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	21	Barka, Derek S.	Londonderry, NH	
		Belben, Becky A.	Goffstown, NH	Derry
	21	Kittredge, William J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Robidoux, Amy C.	Litchfield, NH	Windham
	21	Sprague, Bernard G.	Goffstown, NH	
		Amelotte, Nan H.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	28	Cartier, Justin M.	New Boston, NH	
		Taylor, Michelle L.	Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
<b>Jul.</b>	4	Gillis, William E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Mulcay, Jennifer C.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
	19	Drown, Joel A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Robinson, Kimberly S.	Goffstown, NH	Concord
	26	Lewis, Kevin P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Couture, Christine D.	Goffstown, NH	Jackson
<b>Aug.</b>	1	Eaton, Jason J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Herbert, Charleen M.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	2	Westcott, Jason R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Judge, Laura M.	Goffstown, NH	Rindge
	9	Lauriat, Jeremiah D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Lurgio, Sara E.	Goffstown, NH	Dunbarton
	9	Cote, Rene	Manchester, NH	
		Arsenault, Diane	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	10	Danis, Derek D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Normand, Naomi S.	Goffstown, NH	Hampstead
	14	Douglas, Joshua C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Perry, Robyn S.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	16	Zinno, John J.	Macon, GA	
		Sullivan, Karen E.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	16	Johnson, William M.	Dunbarton, NH	
		Labonville, Michelle M.	Goffstown, NH	Dunbarton

	16	Ducharme, Richard A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Godbois, Sandra P.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	16	Brideau, Jeffrey J.	Townsend, MA	
		Lussier, Diana M.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	23	Lavoie, Richard P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Davis, Judith M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	23	Caron, David J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Fenison, Marguerite, M.	Amherst, NH	Goffstown
Sep.	5	Smith, Brian R.	Goffstown, NH	
		St Onge, Trishia M.	Weare, NH	Auburn
	6	Gaouette, Peter A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Hassen, Tairi M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	7	Biron, Eric M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Moura, Valeria R.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	13	Smith, Daniel R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Boisvert, Shauna L.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
	13	Brunelle, Lawrence P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Boyd, Mary H.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	13	Vallee, Duane E.	Manchester, NH	
		Stoddard, Julie A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	18	Bliven, David M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Soucy, Laura T.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	19	Pare, Michael R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Pothier, Linda	New Boston, NH	New Boston
	20	Tufts, Tim J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Remillard, Kimberly S.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	20	Cookman, S.D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Charpentier, Susan A.	Goffstown, NH	Merrimack
	20	Beal, Gregory H.	Goffstown, NH	
		Manter, Christina E.	New Boston, NH	New Boston
	26	Allen, Travis W.	Goffstown, NH	
		Grenier, Joanne K.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	27	Pomerleau, Allen F.	Goffstown, NH	
		Lemire, Lisa A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	27	Guidoboni, Robert W.	Goffstown, NH	
		Jarek, Nicole M.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
Oct.	3	Smagula, Robert D.	Manchester, NH	
		Stoll, Nancy J.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	4	Hoyt, Matthew D.	New London, NH	
		Sakelarios, Lana S.	Goffstown, NH	New London
	4	Tremblay, Aaron R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gasbarro, Julie	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	11	Boule, Stephen F.	Goffstown, NH	
		Blanchette, Lisa A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	11	Pelchat, Richard A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Aykroid, Sandra L.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	17	Lunt, Matthew R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gonzalez, Christina	Goffstown, NH	Lincoln
	18	Keegan, Tate J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Sloat, Heather L.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua

	18	Follansbee, David W. Collins, Erika F.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Francetown
	18	Turcotte, John M. Williams, Alison M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Holderness
	25	Langenberger, Joseph L. Ayer, Lisa M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
	25	Boyer, Robert M. Chase, Alicia M.	Goffstown, NH New Boston, NH	Merrimack
Nov.	1	Hemond, Joshua M. Parent, Rabecca A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	2	Valcourt, James J. Marcoux, Danna D.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	8	Harlow, Theodore S. Crary, Caroline R.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	14	Carroll, Michael J. Gates, Marie A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	22	Eckels, Brandon E. Silkman, Lori R.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	29	Carver, Jesse E. Gelinas, Tara L.	Goffstown, NH Francetown, NH	Manchester
Dec.	5	St Pierre, Maurice Goss, Mary L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	12	McComiskey, Bernard R. Carver, Marie P.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	27	Gagne, Joshua L. Mullens, Michele L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester

**TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 86**

## 2003 BIRTHS

DATE	NEWBORN NAME	PARENTS' NAMES	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan.			
1	Grzesik, Zachary Alex	Grzesik, Thaddeus and Wendy	Manchester, NH
6	Dunn, Ian Arron	Dunn, Justin and Jenny	Manchester, NH
7	Pinard, Beaudin Lucien	Pinard, Laurence and Edith	Manchester, NH
8	Goulet, Andrew Joseph	Goulet, Andrew and Anita	Manchester, NH
14	Melim, Isabel Beverly	Melim, Joseph and Ann	Manchester, NH
15	Robinson, Logan Alexander	Robinson, Douglas and Sherry	Methuen, MA
20	Gibney, Jera Sara	Gibney, Timothy and Kathrine	Goffstown, NH
24	Papanikolaou, Alexander Art	Papanikolaou, Paul and Angione-Papanikolaou, Ellen	Manchester, NH
27	Beard, Matthew Robert	Beard, James and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
29	Chase, Makena Catherine	Chase, David and Amy	Manchester, NH
29	Mares, Shaye Anna	Mares, Daniel and Jerise	Manchester, NH
30	Barnard, Michael Joseph	Barnard, Douglas and Jennifer	Nashua, NH
31	Chretien, Grady Robert	Chretien, Denis and Joan	Manchester, NH
31	Rohe, Leah Alexandra	Rohe, Alexander and Amy	Manchester, NH



**Feb.**

4	Fox, Kaitlyn Emma	Fox, Trevor and Sheryl	Manchester, NH
18	Bachand, Ruth Elizabeth	Bachand, John and Tracey	Manchester, NH
24	Anderson, Macie Claire	Anderson, Bryant and Jill	Manchester, NH
24	Westphal, Adelaide Zofia	Westphal, Gregory and Kendra	Manchester, NH
28	Valas, Emma Lee	Valas, Raymond and Kristina	Concord, NH

**Mar.**

1	Henault, Jeremy Russell	Henault, Jeffrey and Karen	Manchester, NH
1	Henault, Jarrett Russell	Henault, Jeffrey and Karen	Manchester, NH
6	Baines, Jamie Leigh	Baines, Michael and Julie	Lebanon, NH
7	Mason, Andrew Frederick	Mason, Michael and Judith	Manchester, NH
10	Levesque, James Edmond	Levesque, James and Tammy	Manchester, NH
23	Bouley, Angelika Tunde	Bouley, John and Aniko	Manchester, NH

**Apr.**

2	Valliere, Lucas Arthur	Valliere, Matthew and Eileen	Manchester, NH
7	Mower, Elizabeth Marie	Mower, David and Christine	Manchester, NH
8	Dalton, Nicholas Robert	Dalton, Robert and Laurie	Manchester, NH
10	Mullaney, Jett Shane	Mullaney, Joseph and Karen	Manchester, NH
13	Eng, Katherine Elise	Eng, Vincent and Kessler-Eng, Donna	Manchester, NH
19	Fitzpatrick, Caitlin Erin	Fitzpatrick John and Tammy	Manchester, NH
23	Taylor, Grace Mae	Taylor, Alan and Kelly	Nashua, NH
30	Catalano, Kaitlyn Rose	Catalano, Stephen and Patricia	Manchester, NH

**May**

5	Dinwoodie, Kyle James	Dinwoodie, David and Linda	Manchester, NH
6	Lyonnais, Juliette Lynn	Lyonnais, Justin and Jacqueline	Manchester, NH
8	Bedard, Rylan Joseph	Bedard, Rene and Kimbely	Manchester, NH
12	Callander, Emma Isabella	Callander, Scott and Lynne	Manchester, NH
13	Leblanc, Alicia Marie	Leblanc, James and Robin	Manchester, NH
14	Nolan, Brooke Delaney	Nolan, Daniel and Rachel	Manchester, NH
15	Negron, Elijah	Negron, Waldemar and Virginia	Manchester, NH
16	Bergeron, Jaidan Ann Hammon	Bergeron, Keith and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
20	Lambert, Joseph Todd	Lambert, Jason and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
21	Hunt, Andrew Peter	Hunt, Christopher and Joanne	Manchester, NH
22	Lescatre, Matthew Michael	Lescatre, Michael and Michelle	Manchester, NH
22	Lescatre, Amanda Michelle	Lescatre, Michael and Michelle	Manchester, NH
22	Locke, Acacia Hope	Locke, Andrew and Jessica	Manchester, NH
23	Sperry, Daniel Russell	Sperry, Richard and Dana	Manchester, NH
25	Nalen, Andrew Scott	Nalen Scott and Brandi	Manchester, NH
27	Mehlhorn, Spencer Charles	Mehlhorn, Dean and Melora	Manchester, NH
29	Lachance, Caelan Grace	Lachance, Paul and Rachel	Nashua, NH
30	Goodridge, Ashley Kay	Goodridge, Brian and Kristen	Manchester, NH

**June**

1	Meaney, Aidan Christopher	Meaney, Christopher and Amy	Manchester, NH
11	Nanof, Kristen Emily	Nanof, John and Laura	Manchester, NH
14	Smith, Carlee Bryn	Smith, David and Stacey	Manchester, NH
16	Tessier, Alex James	Tessier, Scott and Katie	Manchester, NH
17	Fulton, Rachel Elizabeth	Fulton, Michael and Tara	Manchester, NH
19	Twine, Henry Francis	Twine, James and Natalie	Nashua, NH
20	Ubhaus, Zachary Michael	Ubhaus, Craig and Kendra	Manchester, NH

20	Beauchemin, Hailey Grace	Beauchemin Joseph and Melanie	Concord, NH
24	Mailhot, Ryan Robert	Mailhot, Steve and Amy	Manchester, NH
25	Bean, Taylor, Emily	Bean, Richard and Christine	Manchester, NH

**July**

2	Lindh, Victoria Hope Godbout	Lindh, Steven and Aimee	Manchester, NH
3	Abbott, Boden James	Abbott, Jeffrey and Kerri	Manchester, NH
5	Beegan, Joshua John	Beegan, John and Amanda	Nashua, NH
6	Glaude, Breeann Nicole	Glaude, Timothy and Marie	Manchester, NH
10	Williams, Elise Marie	Williams, Gregory and Darlene	Manchester, NH
10	Olson, Ethan Fletcher	Olson, Peter and Miranda	Manchester, NH
13	Leduc, Joseph Hunter	Leduc, John and Vicki	Manchester, NH
15	McCarthy, Andrew Joseph	McCarthy, Joseph and Dian	Manchester, NH
19	Wood, Derek Scott	Wood, Douglas and Stacey	Nashua, NH
20	Reeves, Mason David	Reeves, David and Kelly	Manchester, NH
20	Burtram, Marx Omar	Burtram, Joel and Kathleen	Manchester, NH
28	Charette, Madison Elizabeth	Charette, Ryan and Tracy	Manchester, NH
30	Conley, Samuel James Lionel	Conley, James and Catherine	Manchester, NH

**Aug.**

2	Bartlett, Colin James	Bartlett, Derek and Lisa	Manchester, NH
4	Belanger, Jewel Lena	Belanger, Ryan and Lisa	Manchester, NH
13	Gilligan, Rian Edward	Gilligan, Shawn and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
15	McQuiston, Tylor Allen	McQuiston, Scott and Nickol	Manchester, NH
18	Carter, Emma Marie	Carter, Jeremy and Teri	Manchester, NH
20	Baines, Molly Elizabeth	Baines, Kevin and Laurie	Manchester, NH
23	Wilcox, Brandon Vaughn	Wilcox, Rodney and Vickie	Manchester, NH
23	Carlson, Mia Marie	Carlson, Andrew and Kathy	Manchester, NH
26	Hollins, Jacob Arthur	Hollins, Raymond and Elizabeth	Derry, NH
30	Allard, Ryan Christopher	Allard, Keith and Mary	Manchester, NH

**Sept.**

8	Vu, Samara Leigh	Vu, Lan and Amber	Manchester, NH
11	Bograd, Samantha Rae	Bograd, Mark and Brooke	Derry, NH
12	Rivard, Kyle Hunter	Rivard, Eric and Holly	Manchester, NH
12	Gregoire, Carson Edward	Gregoire, Edward and Tracy	Manchester, NH
16	Socha, Jack Timothy	Socha, Timothy and Kim	Concord, NH
24	Lumsden, Benjamin Scott	Lumsden, Todd and Wanda	Manchester, NH
25	Bonham, Trista Rae	Bonham, Todd and Shelly	Manchester, NH
25	Martineau, Shelby Danielle	Martineau, Alan and Danielle	Manchester, NH
29	Bolduc, Zachary Alan	Bolduc, Greg and Lorna	Manchester, NH

**Oct.**

10	Noonan, Andred Joseph	Noonan, Stephen and Helen	Manchester, NH
11	Pelletier, Hayden Riley	Pelletier, Jody and Nicole	Manchester, NH
14	Bergeron, Savannah Marie	Bergeron, Daniel and Doreen	Manchester, NH
25	Brown, Damien River	Brown, Matthew and Star	Manchester, NH
26	Piekarski, Sophia Mae	Piekarski, Matthew and Dawn	Manchester, NH
30	Leighton, Ryan Patrick	Leighton, Sean and Martha	Manchester, NH
30	Biron, Tyler Moura	Biron, Eric and Valeria	Manchester, NH

**Nov.**

5	Kittredge, Mia Samantha	Kittredge, William and Amy	Manchester, NH
5	Campbell, Lillie Rose	Campbell, Timmie and Colleen	Manchester, NH
6	Yuenger, Ethan Schuyler	Yuenger, Jeremy and Jennifer	Manchester, NH

7	Fales, Liliana Amalia	Fales, Kenneth and Christine	Manchester, NH
10	King, Philip Michael	King, Bryan and Pauline	Manchester, NH
10	King, Andrew Kevin	King, Bryan and Pauline	Manchester, NH
11	Ruggiero, Nicholas James	Ruggiero, Christopher and Jaime	Manchester, NH
14	Bullis, Alisha Novaes	Bullis, Russell and Tosta, Cintia	Manchester, NH
14	Graybill, Jack Glenn	Graybill, Jeffrey and Paula	Manchester, NH
23	Pinard, Ashley Morgan	Pinard, Brian and Becky	Manchester, NH

**Dec.**

1	Stalker, Elizabeth Helen	Stalker, Michael and Bernadette	Manchester, NH
1	Collins, Jacob Patrick	Collins, Sean and Sandra	Manchester, NH
5	Grant, Jillian Natalie	Grant, Daniel and Chrisandra	Manchester, NH
5	Marcks, Justin Joseph	Marcks, Erik and Cathy Jo	Manchester, NH
8	Bohle, Evan William	Bohle, William and Nancy	Manchester, NH
8	Cullen, Samantha Abigail	Cullen, Douglas and Tracy	Manchester, NH
9	St Onge, Katelyn Alexa	St Onge, Roger and Tania	Manchester, NH
10	Curran, Leah Grace	Curran, George and Donna	Manchester, NH
11	Encalada, Cortelina Grace	Encalada, Frank and Faith	Manchester, NH
21	Niland, Brett Bradley	Niland, Erik and Donna	Manchester, NH
22	Hunt, Alyssa Morgan	Hunt, Paul and Jennifer	Concord, NH
26	Mellina, Natalie Rosetta	Mellina, Dennis and Krista	Manchester, NH
27	Fredette, Aidan John	Fredette, Mark and Kim	Manchester, NH
31	Walters, Hannah Nicole	Walters, Jeffrey and Kimberly	Manchester, NH
31	Keller, Jackson Vincent	Keller, Jack and Amy	Manchester, NH

**TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS: 125****2003 DEATHS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DECEDENT'S NAME</b>	<b>PLACE OF DEATH</b>	<b>FATHER'S NAME</b>	<b>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</b>
<b>Jan.</b>				
1	Davis, Kathleen P.	Goffstown	McLaughlin, Charles	Gilmartin, Mary
2	Drociak, Catherine S.	Manchester	Spiewak, Peter	Tokarz, Anna
5	Gingras, Priscilla M.	Exeter	Gagne, Malcolm	Frechette, Leah
8	Carlson, Jarl A.	Goffstown	Carlson, Arthur	Skrivars, Julia
8	Coker, Morna	Manchester	Heath, Robinson	Mudgett, Elsie
11	Daniels, Catherine T.	Manchester	Colburn, Harry	Messier, Meldrid
11	Sysyn Carbonneau, Beatrice	Goffstown	Loiselle, Alfred	Desrosiers, Clara
12	Humphrey, Elizabeth	Manchester	Sliva, Felix	Gruscawsas, Katherine
12	Hayes, Marion E.	Merrimack	Hall, Clarence	Purington, Goldie
17	Gagnon, Rita D.	Manchester	Gamelin, Henry	Martineau, Marie
18	Pothier, Patricia J.	Manchester	Russell, Lester	Hamilton, Marjorie
21	Mercier, George H.	Nashua	Mercier, Arthur	Plouffe, Marie
22	Merrill, Marion F.	Goffstown	Welch, James	Boudreau, Mary Ellen
24	Smith, Fanny-Mae	Goffstown	Hall, Louis	Wilkins, Fanny
25	MacConnell, Bradley K.	Manchester	MacConnell, Roy	Carpenter, Shirley
26	Huard, Gerard L.	Manchester	Huard, Alfred	Trottier, Lydia



27	Chatel, Robert A.	Manchester	Chatel, George	Roberts, Eva
29	Paradis, Mary	Goffstown	Deschuiteneer, Syrille	Vangysehem, Christina
30	Lankford, James A.	Goffstown	Lankford, Ernest	Cheeseman, Bertha
30	York, Marion L.	Goffstown	Butterfield, Charles	Merchant, Lucy
30	Dionne, Benjamin M.	Goffstown	Dionne, Arthur	Beaudoin, Marie
31	Henault, Fannie	Manchester	Klein, Bernard	Weiner, Ida
31	Poliquin, Ronald L.	Rochester	Poliquin, Albert	Grimard, Mary Rose
<b>Feb.</b>				
1	Lavalliere, Jeffrey P.	Stratford	Lavalliere, Paul	Peterson, Deborah
5	Handyside, Iris V.	Goffstown	Richards, Alexander	Orchard, Caroline
6	Dupuis, Herve	Manchester	Dupuis, Wilfred	Roy, Eugenie
6	Bresnahan, Florence J.	Goffstown	Jackson, James	Callinson, Mary Ellen
7	Duval, Marie R.	Manchester	Duhaime, Henry	Bilodeau, Rose
11	Cochrane, Myrtie B.	Goffstown	Marshall, Warren	Barnard, Myrtie
12	Smith, Montine M.	Manchester	Smith, Rodmon	Baird, Muriel
14	Sullivan, Helen F.	Goffstown	Warner, William	Cate, Dorothea
14	Wynne, Mary G.	Manchester	Mc Cusker, Joseph	Hernandez, Claudia
16	Cloutier, Germaine C.	Goffstown	Constant, William	Talbot, Amanda
17	Chretien, Annette	Goffstown	Gingras, Mathias	Petit, Mary
27	Ansley, Blanche M.	Goffstown	Chabot, Joseph	Gonthier, Alice
<b>Mar.</b>				
7	Mace, Richard D.	Goffstown	Mace, R.	Richardson, Clara
13	Horan, Thomas F.	Goffstown	Horan, Patrick	Kearns, Nora
14	Masse, Mary M.	Manchester	Masse, Martial	Blanchard, Marie
16	Pellerin, Lionel A.	Manchester	Pellerin, Lewis	Dionne, Rosa
19	Parker, Dorothy M.	Goffstown	Read, Ernest	Lindsay, Grace
20	Tiley, Kathryn E.	Goffstown	Angle, David	Spangler, Grace
20	Levesque, Eva M.	Goffstown	Trepanier, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
20	Fournier, Doris I	Manchester	Desruisseaux, Albert	Dupont, Lillian
21	Watson, Beatrice J.	Manchester	Otton, Samuel	Ryan, Jessie
24	McQuarrie, Huey E.	Manchester	McQuarrie, Parker	Lewis, Mina
26	Stone, Alice W.	Manchester	Miles, Vernon	Cleveland, Mildred
29	Giroux, Paul H.	Goffstown	Giroux, David	Faucher, Marie
29	Depinquentaine, Robert L.	Lebanon	Depinquentaine, Hubuert	Tessier, Bertha
<b>Apr.</b>				
2	Dube, Guy A.	Goffstown	Reynolds, Charles	Carrier, Ruth
3	Melim, Elva H.	Manchester	Jubinvill, Arthur	Forest, Blanche
4	Croteau, Lucianna	Goffstown	Gagnon, Adelard	Laforge, Elenore
10	Anderson, Alexander R.	Bedford	Anderson, Orin	Eliason, Victoria
13	Godbout, Estelle M.	Goffstown	Gagnon, William	Cote, Yvonne
16	Lamontagne, Fernand A.	Manchester	Lamontagne, Barthelemy	Dufour, Mary
21	Woodruff, Josephine	Concord	Taylor, Zachary	Tucker, Sarah
27	Plantier, Jeannette P.	Merrimack	Blouin, Ernest	Deshenes, Blanche
28	Cimon, Norman A.	Goffstown	Cimon, Albert	Blondeau, Albertine
29	Depinquentaine, Agnes M.	Manchester	Martinson, Alfred	Monsen, Helen



**May**

1	Girard, Donald A.	Goffstown	Girard, Adrien	Biron, Leontine
2	Clark, Mary T.	Goffstown	Unknown, Unknown	Hoffman, Mary
10	Desfosses, Raymond A.	Goffstown	Desfosses, Lucien	Marcotte, Antoinette
14	Parhiala, Felix A.	Manchester	Parhiala, Alfred	Hill, Jenny
18	Heselton, Richard C.	Goffstown	Heselton, Richard	La Chance, Dorothy
22	Tobin, Howard C.	Manchester	Tobin, Clarence	Leach, Velma
26	Becker, Mary A.	Bedford	Duval, Al	Unknown, Unknown
30	Young, Roberta J.	Concord	Dinwoodie, Robert	Pothier, Jeannette

**June**

3	Dow, John R.	Goffstown	Dow, Herbert	Lovejoy, Marion
6	Green, Douglas F.	Goffstown	Green, Alfred	Swan, Dorothy
8	Trinh, Lue K.	Goffstown	Trinh, Minh	Vo-Thia, Chang
12	Deslisle, Paul E.	Manchester	Delisle, Eugene	Baron, Jane
13	Belanger, Edna E.	Goffstown	Chouinard, Joseph	Thibault, Eva
14	Psaedas, Lucille A.	Goffstown	Austin, James	Gauthier, Delia
21	Royce, Helen D.	Goffstown	Kipreotis, William	Simoneau, Jean
22	Davis, Frank A.	Manchester	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
24	Wilson, John B.	Manchester	Wilson, Donald	Hackett, Dora
25	Sysyn, Ann A.	Goffstown	Regrets, Bernard	Fontaine, Mariette

**July**

2	Girard, Bernadette P.	Goffstown	Bujold, Noah	Unknown, Unknown
12	Becker, Raymond A.	Goffstown	Becker, Arthur	Lovine, Elma
13	Ouellette, Edith M.	Goffstown	Boisvert, Adelard	Lachapelle, Lydia
14	Beck, Ezra P.	Goffstown	Beck, James	Helferty, Sarah
20	Sommers, Merry L.	Goffstown	Sommers, Irvin	Levy, Phyllis
21	Coulombe, Roger F.	Manchester	Coulombe, Victorien	Labbe, Georgiana
23	Ryan, Ruby N.	Manchester	Nowlin, Douglas	Bradley, Naomi
23	Caputo, Anthony F.	Manchester	Caputo, John	Parnella, Kathryn

**Aug.**

6	Mitchell, Vendla E.	Goffstown	Nicholson, George	Castle, Vendla
19	Cordesco, Carolyn J.	Manchester	McKeague, Joseph	Powell, Marion
25	Bouchard, Henry F.	Manchester	Bouchard, Alfred	Gregoire, Georgianna
26	Langdon, Thelma	Manchester	Carlson, Carl	Turnkuist, Freida
26	Moriarty, Esther C.	Goffstown	Moriarty, Michael	O'Shea, Elizabeth
30	Lefebvre, Marion A.	Manchester	Dane, James	Felch, Flossie
31	Gibbs, Alfreda	Goffstown	Gallagher, Unknown	Unknown, Martha

**Sept.**

3	Lesmerises, Blanche M.	Manchester	Perreault, Charles	Neveu, Angelina
5	Malhoit, Roy E.	Goffstown	Malhoit, Irene	Roy, Irene
9	Williams, Floyd W.	Nashua	Williams, Floyd	West, Florence
19	Sanborn, Edythe B.	Goffstown	Sanborn, Arthayer	Quimby, Annie
22	Mason, David R.	Goffstown	Mason, David	Rogers, Bernice
23	Bergeron, Roger E.	Goffstown	Bergeron, Albert	Cote, Aldea
30	Perreault, Wilfred J.	Goffstown	Perreault, Delphis	Dufour, Marie

**Oct.**

5	Boland, Grace F.	Goffstown	Ferrick, James	Murphy, Mary
8	Deroche, Germaine M.	Goffstown	Masse, Henry	Cote, Antoinette
11	Desmarais, Yvette	Goffstown	Martel, Moise	Nadeau, Ellen

20	Barber, Mary E.	Manchester	Doddy, Henry	Broin, Mary
21	Johnson, Anna I.	Goffstown	Anderson, Sigfried	Anderson, Alma
26	Hartnoll, Arvilla S.	Goffstown	Smith, Leland	Hayward, Clara
27	Botelho, Robert P.	Goffstown	Botelho, Joseph	Ribero, Adeline
29	Eastman, Mildred F.	Manchester	Felch, Harold	Hodgman, Marion
<b>Nov.</b>				
6	Larock, Norman J.	Manchester	Larock, Archibald	Pecor, Roseanna
9	Moss, Frederick L.	Goffstown	Moss, Frederick	Davis, Martha
9	Schulze, Wolfgang	Manchester	Schulze, Walter	Schmeid, Emma
13	Healey, Chance M.	Concord	Healey, Michael	Hayward, Rhiannon
15	Lesmerises, Doris, A.	Goffstown	Lambert, George	Geurtin, Alice
23	Labranche, Beatrice L.	Concord	Bolduc, Joseph	Vachon, Anaise
27	Cote, Arthur J.	Goffstown	Cote, Joseph	Vaiville, Rosie
28	Marcou, Elsie K.	Goffstown	Knowles, Lancelot	Emery, Irene
29	Kohn, Richard S.	Weare	Kohn, Jerome	Fisher, Helen
29	Wikander-Kohn, Janet L.	Weare	Wikander, Paul	Brown, Alice
<b>Dec.</b>				
4	Charron, Stella P.	Goffstown	Lemieux, Arthur	Lambert, Ludivine
7	Benton, Charles T.	Manchester	Benton, Bert	Simonds, Olive
11	Woodes, Dora M.	Goffstown	Noel, Gilbert	Leclerc, Alphonsine
13	Baranski, Joseph P.	Goffstown	Baranski, John	Bober, Louise
15	Cormier, Maurice L.	Manchester	Cormier, Joseph	Gagnon, Marie
16	Williams, Edith M.	Manchester	Williams, Arthur	Simpson, Avis
16	Perkins, Joseph K.	Goffstown	Perkins, Charles	Beggs, Edith
17	Griffin, Marjorie L.	Merrimack	Durgin, Herman	Sargent, Mary
23	Broes, Albert H.	Goffstown	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
29	Derby, John P.	Manchester	Derby, Charles	Plummer, Grace
29	Hills, John T.	Goffstown	Hills, III, William	Lawrence, Hilda
30	Casey, Betty J.	Manchester	Keesler, Clifford	Depledge, Gertrude

**TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS: 128**

## 2003 INTERMENTS

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	BURIAL DATE
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### HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Hoyt, Wendell Maynard	78	04/01/03	05/01/03
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### SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY

Latraverse, Carol	58	03/29/03	05/09/03
Roberts, Hazel S.	90	05/17/03	05/21/03
Beck, Ezra Paul Francis	83	07/14/03	07/16/03
Lefebvre, Marion Alice	79	08/30/03	09/02/03
Schwarzkoft, Karel		012/5/03	12/10/03
Kohn, Richard Stephen	58	11/29/03	12/04/03
Wikander-Kohn, Janet Lynn	57	11/29/03	12/04/03

### WESTLAWN CEMETERY

White, Hazel A.			
Phipps, Phyllis		1/08/03	1/16/03
Daniels, Catherine	85	1/11/03	1/17/03
Dugrenier, Dan	49	1/12/03	1/20/03
Cochrane, Myrtie Barnard	88	2/11/03	2/15/03
Williams, Florence Mae	82	2/25/03	3/03/03
Patten, Lilla Kent	93	3/07/03	3/12/03
Lamontagne, Fernand	83	4/16/03	4/23/03
Eastman, Roger A.	73	4/11/03	5/02/03
Kelly, Nelson R.	69	4/28/03	5/02/03
Buckley, Janice M.	71	4/10/03	4/26/03
Humphrey, Elizabeth Mary	84	1/12/03	5/05/03
Smith, Fanny-Mae	92	1/24/03	5/16/03
Stoddard, Alene T.	60	1/11/03	5/27/03
Dimock, Barbara Bennett	90	4/19/03	6/27/03
Wilson, John B.	74	6/24/03	6/28/03
Lord, Aaron Scott		10/06/03	10/08/03
Colburn, Arlene Bertha	93	11/23/03	11/28/03
White, Francis Melvin	95	11/23/03	11/28/03
Benton, Charles Theodore	73	12/07/03	12/10/03
Moritts, Lillian	78	12/06/03	12/11/03
Griffin, Margorie Louise	82	12/17/03	12/22/03
Wood, Sr., Robert Ferrell	97	12/25/03	12/29/03

**TOTAL INTERMENTS: 31**

*Financial Reports***AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER**

*Melanson Heath & Company, PC*  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
11 Trafalgar Square, Suite 101  
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063-1974  
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April 19, 2003

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Goffstown  
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements for the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002 and have issued our report thereon dated April 19, 2003. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluations is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The management of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling his responsibility, estimates and judgments by them are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of such a system are to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with required authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may still occur without being detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risks that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the internal accounting control structure and would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, as a result of our study and evaluation, and in an effort to be of assistance to the Town, we are submitting for your consideration a number of comments and recommendations intended to improve operations and internal accounting control. After you have had an opportunity to consider our comments and recommendations, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.



## PRIOR YEAR ISSUES:

We would like to commend the Town for taking action on the prior year's management letter comments. All issues have been addressed and have been either fully resolved or are currently being corrected.

## CURRENT YEAR ISSUES:

### Improve Segregation of Duties Over Receivables

In our testing of computer system controls, we noted that both the Finance Director and Sewer Department have full access to the Tax Collector's automated receivable system. Because these departments also perform other key financial responsibilities, these situations create inappropriate segregations of duties.

We recommend that programming changes be made to limit the Finance Director and Sewer Department to inquiry only access for the Tax Collector's receivable system. This will improve the segregation of duties thereby reducing the risk of errors or irregularities occurring and going undetected.

### Provide Payroll Timesheets to Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for processing the Town's payroll, however, is not provided with actual timecards of hourly employees. Instead, departments provide weekly departmental summary reports which the department head approves. A key function of the payroll processing, however, involves verifying the summary reports to assure that employees actually worked for all the hours reported. It is essential that employee timecards (or photocopies) be provided to the Finance Department so this verification can be performed.

We recommend that all departments provide weekly timecards to the Finance Department along with the weekly payroll summary. This will improve oversight and controls over the Town's payroll.

### Maintain Separate Cash Registers in Collection Office

Two personnel are currently responsible for accepting receipts in the Tax Collector's office, however; only one cash register is used. This would make it more difficult to identify the cause, in the event that errors or irregularities in the receipt process occurred. We recommend that separate cash registers be maintained for each personnel responsible for accepting receipts, and that separate cash out procedures be performed. This will improve controls by providing a clear audit trail and would simplify the identification of errors or irregularities in the receipt process.

### Consider Updating Purchasing Policy

The Town's formal purchasing policy has not been updated in several years and uses thresholds for quotes and formal bids that are quite low. Although the intent of the policy is to provide some assurance that goods and services are purchased at the best price, at low thresholds there is an increased risk that purchasing may cause an unnecessary burden on the Town's departments. We recommend the Town re-evaluate the thresholds for quotes and bids to determine whether increases could improve efficiency without diminishing the existing benefits.

## SELECTMEN RESPONSE TO AUDITOR

September 25, 2003

Melanson Heath & Company, P.C.  
11 Trafalgar Square, Suite 101  
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063-1974

Dear Auditors:

The following are the responses to the Management Letter dated April 19, 2003, prepared by Melanson Heath & Company. The comments in the letter pertain to issues surrounding the audit for year ending December 31, 2002.

The Finance Director and Sewer Department Administrative Assistant no longer have full access to the Tax Collector's automated receivable system. This issue was immediately corrected through the administration module of our accounting software. Programming changes were made that limit the Finance Director and Sewer Department Administrative Assistant to inquiry only access for the tax receivable system.

In addition to a weekly payroll summary, each department is making an effort to provide weekly time cards to the Finance Office. We anticipate compliance from all departments prior to the end of the current calendar year.

Separate cash registers (drawers) are now being maintained for each staff person responsible for accepting receipts in the Tax Collector's Office. Each individual is also performing separate cash out procedures.

On August 4, 2003, the Board of Selectmen voted to amend the Town's Purchasing Policy. Threshold limits for quotes and formal bids were increased in an effort to improve department efficiency and while maintaining a reasonable level of purchasing control.

Respectfully Submitted,

### GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Henry C. Boyle, *Chairman*  
Robert L. Wheeler  
John C. Sarette

Barbara J. Griffin, *Vice Chairman*  
Philip A. D'Avanza

## SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR YEAR 2003(MS-1)

	ASSESSED VALUATION TAXABLE	TOTAL
<b>LAND</b>		
Current Use (incl. Conser. Restr.)	\$ 1,000,600	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	6,000	
Discretionary Easement	1,600	
Residential	394,513,700	
Commercial/Industrial	48,344,200	
Total Taxable Land		\$443,866,100
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable (est.)		22,882,700
<b>BUILDINGS</b>		
Residential	\$ 633,394,400	
Manufactured Housing	26,857,100	
Commercial/Industrial	63,391,400	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$723,642,900
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable		86,441,300
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>		
Electric	\$ 22,017,400	
Gas	857,000	
Total Public Utilities		\$ 22,874,400
<b>TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS</b>		<b>\$1,190,383,400</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS:</b>		
	<b>NUMBER</b>	
Improvements to Assist Disabled	2	\$364,200
School Dining/Dorms/Kitchen	1	150,000
Blind	2	30,000
Elderly	88	1,375,000
Total Exemptions	93	\$1,919,200
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION RATE IS COMPUTED</b>		
		<b>\$1,188,464,200</b>
<b>NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED</b>		
		<b>\$1,165,589,800</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Mace, Assessor

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
4/103	Maple Avenue	157,200	2,784,900	2,942,100
5/97	Wallace Road - GAHS	14,100		14,100
5/98	Wallace Road - GAHS	406,200	11,046,900	11,453,100
8/74	Tibbetts Hill Rd. - MVMS	937,200	8,287,200	9,224,400
17/182	Mast Road - Bartlett	531,300	1,214,400	1,745,700
<b>SCHOOL TOTALS:</b>		<b>2,046,000</b>	<b>23,333,400</b>	<b>25,379,400</b>
<b>GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT</b>				
1/37	Back Mountain Road	469,800		469,800
1/38	Back Mountain Road	972,100	88,700	1,060,800
4/11	off Merrill Road	70,600	5,600	76,200
4/16/2	Mountain Road	102,000		102,000
7/2	Mast Road	42,000	11,000	53,000
7/5	North Mast Road	219,100		219,100
7/8/1	North Mast Road	30,900		30,900
7/106/2	High Street	60,700		60,700
<b>GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$1,967,200</b>	<b>105,300</b>	<b>2,072,500</b>
<b>TOWN &amp; CONSERVATION</b>				
1/35	Back Mountain Road	294,600		294,600
2/39/4	off Back Mountain Rd	12,300		12,300
2/64/28	Shirley Hill Road	29,900		29,900
3/9	off School House Road	26,600		26,600
4/61	off New Boston Road	28,800		28,800
5/14	Goffstown Back Road	279,200		279,200
5/24	Elm Street	362,800	666,300	1,029,100
5/38/39	Juniper Drive	38,500		38,500
6/39/1/A	Mast Road	81,000	626,100	707,100
7/3/1	off Mast Road	17,300		17,300
7/72	Mast/Autumn Street	450,700		450,700
8/16	off Paige Hill Road	10,500		10,500
8/43	off Paige Hill Road	29,300		29,300
8/44	off Paige Hill Road	13,500		13,500
9/29/1	Tirrell Hill Road	76,600	194,200	270,800
10/11	Tenney Road	6,500		6,500
12/10A	Montelona Rd (off)	120,000		120,000
15/58	Rosemont Street	80,600		80,600
15/59	Rosemont Street	5,800		5,800
15/57A	Woodbine Avenue	90,000	103,400	193,400
15/73A	Rosemont Street	6,000		6,000
17/37	Plummer St./Mast Rd.	87,500	435,000	522,500
17/238	Laurier Street	173,200	12,500	185,700
19/15	Channel Lane	17,000	2,000	19,000
21/85	Cove Street	59,200		59,200



21/64A	Riverside Drive	26,400		26,400
21/120A	Moose Club	29,000		29,000
24/44	Rem Drive	74,000		74,000
24/44R/6	Rem Drive	15,100		15,100
24/59A	Lynchville Park Road	31,700		31,700
26/13A	Mast Rd./Henry Bridge	10,700		10,700
27/23	Henry Bridge Road	23,400		23,400
27/25	Center Street	45,000	2,000	47,000
28/28	Goffstown Back Road	58,800	140,700	199,500
30/81	Barnard Lane	134,800	146,100	280,900
30/25A	Pineridge Road	10,000		10,000
30/29/A	Highland Avenue	11,100		11,100
31/19	off Mast Road	75,500	140,700	216,200
31/22	off Mast Road	51,800		51,800
32/26E/18	Hernsdorf Avenue	11,600		11,600
32/26E/19	Hernsdorf Avenue	11,700		11,700
32/26E/22	Hernsdorf Avenue	11,600		11,600
32/26E/30	Janice Drive	11,600		11,600
32/26E/55	Thomas Drive	11,900		11,900
34/83	Main Street	212,900	588,400	801,300
34/96	Church Street	117,800	12,700	130,500
34/99	Church Street	147,200		147,200
34/107	High Street	176,100	266,800	442,900
34/129	Mill Street	34,100		34,100
34/138	Parker Street - SAU	128,000	210,800	338,800
34/148	Main Street	176,000	9,200	185,200
34/152	Main Street	138,400		138,400
34/177	East Union Street	105,300	68,400	173,700
35/48	Island on Glen Lake	250,400		250,400
37/9	North Mast Road	45,000		45,000
38/13	Church Street	159,500	267,100	426,600
40/1	Crescent Lane	48,900		48,900
40/8	Perimeter Road	4,500		4,500
40/11	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/12	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	33,000		33,000
40/14	Crescent Lane	4,600		4,600
40/15	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/16	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/17	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/18	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/19	Crescent Lane	4,300		4,300
40/20	Crescent Lane	4,300		4,300
40/21	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/22	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/23	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/24	Crescent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/25	Crescent Lane	4,900		4,900
40/27	Perimeter Road	4,600		4,600

40/29	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600	4,600
40/34	Summit Road	4,400	4,400
40/35	Summit Road	4,400	4,400
40/42	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500	4,500
40/4A	Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500	4,500
40/47	Perimeter Road	30,800	30,800
40/50	off Perimeter Road	5,000	5,000
40/53	Beech Lane	4,400	4,400
40/54	Summit Avenue	4,400	4,400
40/56	Maple Lane	4,400	4,400
40/57	Maple Lane	4,400	4,400
40/58	Summit Road	4,400	4,400
40/59	Maple Lane	4,600	4,600
40/60	41 Crescent Lane	4,400	4,400
40/61	Chestnut Lane	4,400	4,400
40/63	Chestnut Lane	4,400	4,400
40/64	Chestnut Ln/Summit	4,600	4,600
40/65	Beech Lane	4,600	4,600
40/66	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/67	Beech Lane	4,400	4,400
40/68	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/69	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/70	Chestnut Lane	4,400	4,400
40/71	Chestnut Lane	4,500	4,500
40/72	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,300	4,300
40/73	off Perimeter Road	4,400	4,400
40/74	Chestnut Lane	4,700	4,700
40/76	Birch Lane	4,400	4,400
40/77	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/78	Birch Lane	4,300	4,300
40/79	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,400	4,400
40/80	Birch Lane	4,400	4,400
40/81	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,400	4,400
40/82	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/83	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/85	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/86	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500	4,500
40/87	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/88	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/89	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500	4,500
40/90	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/91	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/92	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,500	4,500
40/93	Cedar Lane	4,300	4,300
40/94	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400
40/95	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,600	4,600
40/97	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400	4,400

40/98	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/99	Pine Lane	4,600		4,600
40/101	Pine Lane	4,700		4,700
40/103	off Perimeter Road	4,400		4,400
40/104	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/105	Summit Ave.	4,700		4,700
40/106	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/107	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/113	Perimeter Road	122,100	61,600	183,700
40/115	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	162,400		162,400
40/47A	off Perimeter Road	4,500		4,500
40/50A	off Perimeter Road	4,300		4,300
41/6	Forest Avenue	9,000		9,000
41/7	Incline Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/9	Incline Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/14	Mountain/Park Ave.	10,600		10,600
41/16	Mountain Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/17	Mountain Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/19	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,000		9,000
41/21	Park Avenue	15,500		15,500
41/22	Crown Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/23	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,500		8,500
41/24	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/29	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/30	Incline Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/31	South Mountain Base	8,800		8,800
41/32	Kaoka Avenue	9,900		9,900
41/33	Kaoka Avenue	13,800		13,800
41/34	Chocorua Avenue	23,100		23,100
41/35	Wonolancet Avenue	13,000		13,000
41/36	Wonolancet Avenue	25,700		25,700
41/37	Chocorua Avenue	17,900		17,900
41/38	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/39	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/40	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/41	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/42	Chocorua Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/43	Chocorua Avenue	11,600		11,600
41/45	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/46	Kaoka Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/47	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/48	Kaoka Avenue	10,000		10,000
41/49	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/50	Kaoka Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/51	Mascoma Avenue	44,400	5,000	49,400
41/56	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/61	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/62	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900

41/69	Incline Avenue	45,200	14,400	59,600
41/75	So Mtn. Base/RR Ave.	14,200		14,200
41/76	Railroad Avenue	9,300		9,300
41/77	Railroad Avenue	11,300		11,300
41/78	Railroad Avenue	5,200		5,200
41/79	Mascoma Avenue	9,300		9,300
41/80	So. Mtn. Base Road	9,200		9,200
41/64A	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
42/2	Railroad Avenue	9,700		9,700
42/4	Railroad Avenue	8,400		8,400
42/5	off Railroad Avenue	9,600		9,600
42/6	3 Orr St	46,800	7,900	54,700
42/12	Incline Avenue	8,900		8,900
42/15	Mountain Avenue	9,200		9,200
42/18	Mountain Avenue	10,200		10,200
42/19	Orr Street	9,200		9,200
42/22	Park Ave	11,700		11,700
42/23	Crown Avenue	12,800		12,800
42/24	Chestnut Slope	120,000		120,000
42/25	Chestnut Slope	9,200		9,200
42/28	Mountain Base Road	8,800		8,800
42/29	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/30	169 Mountain Base Rd	45,900	10,600	56,500
42/31	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/32	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/33	Chestnut Slope	9,200		9,200
42/35	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/36	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/37	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/40	off Mtn. Base Road	9,200		9,200
42/41	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/42	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/45	Lake Uncanoonuc	9,100		9,100
42/51	Railroad Avenue	5,200		5,200
43/24/1	Arrowhead Dr	66,000		66,000
<b>TOTAL TOWN &amp; CONSERVATION: \$</b>		<b>6,481,500</b>	<b>3,991,900</b>	<b>10,473,400</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,494,700</b>	<b>27,430,600</b>	<b>37,925,300</b>



ESTIMATED REVENUES (MS-4)

MS-4

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

DUE

FY: 2003

City/Town: Goffstown

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR.	For Use By	Reserved
TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	22	84,700	
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Timber Taxes	22	46,000	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	22	36,525	
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Deliquent Taxes		155,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	22	4,026	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	22	2,480,229	
3230	Building Permits	22	110,000	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	22	22,132	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	22	2,000	
FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues	22	105,427	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	22	508,874	
3353	Highway Block Grant	22	331,676	
3354	Water Pollution Grant	22	293,794	
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Includ. Railroad Tax): Rails to Trails			
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	22	282,408	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	22	318,062	
3409	Other Charges	22	118,428	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	22	10,000	
3502	Interest on Investments	22	50,000	
3503-3509	Other	22	269,600	

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	Special Revenue Funds	22	239,279
3913	Capital Projects Fund		
3914	Enterprise Fund		
	Sewer - (Offset)	22	1,617,043
	Water - (Offset)		
	Electric - (Offset)		
	Airport - (Offset)		
3915	Capital Reserve Fund		
3916	Trust & Agency Funds	22	5,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			7,090,203
<b>**General Fund Balance**</b>			
For Municipal Use			
Unreserved Fund Balance			\$2,539,549
Voted From "Surplus"			(\$ 78,000)
Fund Balance - Retained			\$2,461,549
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes			\$461,549
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			7,629,752
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			\$244,258

Janice O'Connell M.B.A., Finance Director  
PREPARER'S NAME AND TITLE

10/7/200  
DATE

2003 TAX RATE CALCULATION

	<u>Town Portion</u>		
Gross Appropriations	15,945,243		
Less: Revenues	7,629,752		
Less: Shared Revenues	111,651		
Add: Overlay	244,258		
War Service Credits	112,800		
Net Town Appropriation		8,560,898	
Municipal Tax Rate			7.21
	<u>School Portion</u>		
Net Local School Budget	19,737,173		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(5,189,850)		
State Education Taxes	(4,632,283)		
Net School Appropriation		9,915,040	
Local Education Rate			8.34
State Education Taxes		4,632,283	
State Education Rate			3.97
	<u>County Portion</u>		
Due to County	1,429,256		
Less: Shared Revenue	(15,195)		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,414,061	
County Tax Rate			1.19
Total Tax Rate			20.71
Total Taxes Assessed			24,522,282
Less: War Service Credits			(112,800)
Total Property Tax Commitment			24,409,482
	<u>Proof of Rate</u>		
	Net Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Assessment
State Education Tax	1,165,589,800	3.97	4,632,283
All Other Taxes	1,188,464,200	16.74	19,889,999
			24,522,282

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D
	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
4130-4139	Executive (includes IT budget of \$114,233.)	8	451,811	437,033	482,284		482,284	
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	8	179,066	178,426	217,385		217,385	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	8	285,685	273,901	308,970		308,970	
4152	Revaluation of Property	8	133,379	129,437	141,004		141,004	
4153	Legal Expense							
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning & Economic Development	8	192,379	179,470	232,255		232,255	
4194	General Government Buildings							
4195	Cemeteries	8	73,011	64,124	81,041		81,041	
4196	Insurance							
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government	8	21,190	16,837	21,190		21,190	
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
4210-4214	Police	8	3,096,010	2,830,438	3,261,767		3,261,767	
4215-4219	Ambulance: Emergency Medical Services							
4220-4229	Fire	8	1,576,837	1,532,847	1,819,582		1,819,582	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	8	71,376	67,906	83,364		83,364	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	8	3,151	2,922	4,001		4,001	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)							
	<b>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</b>		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
4311-4312	Administration & Highways & Streets	8	2,538,707	2,447,514	2,678,692		2,678,692	
4313	Bridges							
4316-4319	Street Lighting & Other							
	<b>SANITATION</b>		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection	8	1,119,124	1,235,045	1,169,694		1,169,694	
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							

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Acct No.					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D
	<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
4331-4332	Administration & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	<b>ELECTRIC</b>		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		xxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
4351-4352	Administration & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
	<b>HEALTH</b>							
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other							
	<b>WELFARE</b>		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	8	54,695	35,732	52,632		52,632	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							
	<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	8	298,940	286,678	305,849		305,849	
4550-4559	Library	8	467,089	455,959	518,345		518,345	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation; Public Access TV	8	40,076	38,642	45,140		45,140	
	<b>CONSERVATION</b>		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxxxxx			xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development (Main St. Program)							

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						RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOND	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOND
		DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	8	169,000	168,311	168,311		168,311	
	4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	8	86,000	86,330	81,566		81,566	
	4723	Interest on TANS	8	1	0	1		1	
	4970-4799	Other Debt Service							
		CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	4901	Land & Improvements	8	334,940	333,729	221,940		221,940	
	4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	8	361,790	343,839	444,717		444,717	
	4903	Buildings							
	4909	Improv. Other than Buildings	8	329,200	319,121	231,175		231,175	
		OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	4912	To Special Revenue Fund	8	134,479	102,805	152,044		152,044	
	4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
	4914	To Enterprise Fund							
		Sewer-	8	1,910,837	1,341,124	2,106,000		2,106,000	
		Water-							
		Electric-							
	4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
	4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except health maint. trust fund)							
	4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
	4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
	4919	To Agency Funds							
		SUBTOTAL 1	8	13,928,753	12,908,170	14,828,949		14,828,949	

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Acct No.							RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D
Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "Special warrant articles", which are addressed below.										
		PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS 31:4)	(RSA	WARR ART. #	APPROPRIATION S PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
Acct No.							RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D
		SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article.										
		OF APPROPRIATIONS	PURPOSE (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRIATION PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
Acct No.							RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOM'D
4810		MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING BOND		7			578,541		578,541	
4810		DPW ROAD RECLAMATION & RESURFACING		9	1,810,490	1,800,154	1,810,490		1,810,490	
4810		CONSERVATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND		10	80,000	80,000	80,000		80,000	
4810		MAIN STREET PROGRAM		11	15,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	
4810		PROPERTY ACQUISITION & PLAN DEV. (B&M)			78,000	78,000				
4810		CONTRACTED CURBSIDE RECYCLING			33,000	33,000				
4810										
4810										
4810										
4810										
		SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	2,484,031	XXXXXXX	2,484,031	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Unaudited expenditures (printed on 1/21/03) includes encumbrances from 2002.

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
	<b>TAXES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	8	84,700	98,961	60,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes	8	46,000	46,132	30,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	8	36,525	36,525	35,000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	8	155,000	169,793	155,000
	<b>INVENTORY PENALTIES</b>				
	<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	8	4,026	5,769	4,026
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	8	2,480,229	2,446,920	2,480,229
3230	Building Permits	8	110,000	93,041	110,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	8	22,132	19,577	27,132
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	8	2,000	127,201	51,847
	<b>FROM STATE</b>				
3351	Shared Revenues	8	105,427	232,273	116,137
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	8	508,874	508,874	487,387
3353	Highway Block Grant	8	331,676	331,676	335,940
3354	Water Pollution Grant	8	293,794	293,794	242,956
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>	8	282,408	289,309	63,275
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments	8	318,062	367,485	322,762
3409	Other Charges	8	118,428	127,749	115,928
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	8	10,000	15,897	10,000
3502	Interest on Investments	8	50,000	23,065	50,000
3503-3509	Other	8	269,600	217,791	230,000
	<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer	8	239,279	286,603	356,675
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (Offset)	8	1,617,043	961,173	1,863,044
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund				
3916	Trust & Agency Funds	8	5,000	10,500	11,832
	<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	7			533,800
	Amounts Voted from "Surplus"		XXXXXXXXXX	78,000	
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	461,549	XXXXXXXXXX
	<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		7,090,203	7,249,657	7,692,970

BUDGET SUMMARY	SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	14,828,949	14,828,949
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	0	0
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	2,484,031	2,484,031
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	17,312,980	17,312,980
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	7,692,970	7,692,970
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	9,620,010	* 9,620,010

\* If Article 7 passes, the amount to be raised by taxes will be reduced by \$69,475.



## TAX COLLECTOR

We want to thank all the Taxpayers of Goffstown for your cooperation and understanding this past year. 2003 proved to be a challenging year with both a Town-wide assessment update and a budget increase. We at the Tax Office want to encourage anyone who is finding it difficult to pay the full amount of their taxes to consider making partial payments. This will help you by reducing the amount of interest that will be charged. However, liens will be placed on any unpaid taxes in April 2004.

The Town of Goffstown also has credits, exemptions, and deferrals available. For example, property owners over 65 years of age who meet a certain criteria are eligible to receive a partial reduction of their property taxes. Call the Assessing office to find out more about these tax relief programs.

Serving the Taxpayers of Goffstown has been our pleasure. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail L. Lavallee  
Goffstown Tax Collector

### Ten-Year Tax Rate Comparison

Tax Year	School Local Rate	School State Rate	Town Rate	County Rate	Total Rate
1994	\$15.85		\$ 7.61	\$1.68	\$25.14
1995	\$17.29		\$ 7.61	\$1.70	\$26.60
1996	\$17.90		\$ 7.61	\$1.69	\$27.20
1997	\$17.19		\$ 7.59	\$1.66	\$26.44
1998*	\$23.69		\$ 9.71	\$1.95	\$35.35
1999	\$ 8.64	\$6.86	\$ 9.61	\$1.92	\$27.03
2000	\$10.15	\$6.68	\$ 9.61	\$1.99	\$28.43
2001	\$11.25	\$7.23	\$ 9.61	\$2.11	\$30.20
2002	\$13.01	\$7.17	\$10.60	\$2.14	\$32.92
2003*	\$ 8.34	\$3.97	\$ 7.21	\$1.19	\$20.71

\*Revaluation years

# TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

## DEBIT

	Levies of:	2003	2002
Uncollected Taxes at Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes			\$1,106,523
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes		\$24,421,236	
Land Use Change		\$96,500	
Yield Taxes		\$45,636	
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes		\$143,273	\$9,246
Interest and Cost Collected on Delinquent Tax:		\$21,030	\$24,730
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$24,727,675</b>	<b>\$1,140,499</b>

## CREDIT

		2003	2002
Remittance to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$23,273,775	\$680,408
Land Use Change		\$96,500	
Yield Taxes		\$45,636	
Interest		\$21,030	\$24,730
Conversion to Lien			\$417,820
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes		\$141,614	\$17,541
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		\$1,149,120	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$24,727,675</b>	<b>\$1,140,499</b>

TAX COLLECTOR (MS-61)

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

		DEBIT		
Levies				
of:		2002	2001	2000 & Prior
Unredeemed Lien Balance				
at Beginning of Fiscal Year:			\$240,755	\$97,591
Liens Executed During		\$448,274		
Fiscal Year:				
Interest & Costs Collected:				
(After Lien Execution)		\$24,254	\$35,711	\$20,552
Refunds of Liened Property:				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$472,528	\$276,466	\$118,143

		CREDIT		
		2002	2001	2000 & Prior
Remittance to Treasurer				
Redemptions:		\$208,314	\$158,622	\$94,753
Interest/Costs Collected:				
(After Lien Execution)		\$24,254	\$35,711	\$20,552
Abatements of Unredeemed				
Taxes:		\$793		
Liens Deeded to Municipality:			\$1,433	\$2,675
Unredeemed Lien Balance at				
End of Year		\$239,167	\$80,700	\$163
TOTAL CREDITS		\$472,528	\$276,466	\$118,143

2003 Tax Year: April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004

As a convenience, the Goffstown Tax Office has added a return envelope with the tax bills. You may note that the return address is a PO Box in Manchester, which is a lockbox set up by our bank. Using the scan line on the bottom of your bill, the payment is immediately deposited into the Town account and the bank sends us a report of the transactions. Please note that the lockbox is only open during the tax season. If you are mailing a payment after tax season, please direct it to this office at 16 Main Street, Goffstown, NH 03045, to avoid delay, which would result in additional interest added to your account. The Tax Office thanks you for your help in this effort.

## BALANCE SHEET

**Unaudited for Year Ending December 31, 2003**

### ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,312,168
Investments	184,351
Taxes & Liens Receivable	1,629,675
Accounts Receivable	16,674
Overlay	(97,774)
Due from Other Governments	944,173
Due from Others	<u>163,555</u>
Total Assets and other Debits	<u>\$ 10,152,822</u>

### LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

#### Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$ 435,003
Due to School District	5,797,323
Other Liabilities and Accrued Expenses	<u>166,312</u>
Total Liabilities	6,398,638

#### Equity and Other Credits:

##### Fund Balances:

Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 1,250,815
Unreserved – Undesignated	<u>2,503,369</u>
Total Equity and Other Credits	3,754,184

Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	<u>\$ 10,152,822</u>
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## TREASURY REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2003 (Unaudited)

Cash on Hand – January 1, 2002	\$ 8,775,945.96
Deposits, Transfers & Adjustments	<u>29,963,779.17</u>
Total Cash	38,742,134.58
Disbursements, Transfers & Adjustments	31,246,416.16
Cash on Hand – December 31, 2002	7,495,718.42
Citizens Bank	\$ 7,311,367.64
NH Investment Pool	39,950.23
Fleet Bank	<u>144,400.55</u>
	\$ 7,495,718.42



DEBT SCHEDULE

Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1986 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2001 General Obligation Bond – Sewer			
2004	125,000	8,125	133,125	2004	75,000	43,087	118,087
1989 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2005	75,000	39,994	114,994
2004	100,000	24,500	124,500	2006	75,000	36,900	111,900
2005	100,000	17,500	117,500	2007	75,000	33,806	108,806
2006	100,000	10,500	110,500	2008	75,000	30,713	105,713
2007	100,000	3,500	103,500	2009	75,000	27,488	102,488
1990 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2010	75,000	24,206	99,206
2004	105,000	53,078	158,078	2011	75,000	20,831	95,831
2005	105,000	46,043	151,043	2012	75,000	17,456	92,456
2006	105,000	38,981	143,981	2013	75,000	14,081	89,081
2007	105,000	31,894	136,894	2014	75,000	10,631	85,631
2008	105,000	24,806	129,806	2015	75,000	7,163	82,163
2009	105,000	17,719	122,719	2016	75,000	3,600	78,600
2010	105,000	10,631	115,631	TOTAL SEWER BONDS			
2011	105,000	3,544	108,544		2,100,000	475,865	2,575,865
1994 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2001 Landfill Closure SRLFs			
2004	30,000	10,684	40,684	Year	Principal	Int./Fees	Total
2005	30,000	8,929	38,929	2004	168,311	81,566	249,877
2006	30,000	7,144	37,144	2005	168,311	75,303	243,614
2007	25,000	5,478	30,478	2006	168,311	69,040	237,351
2008	25,000	3,931	28,931	2007	168,311	62,778	231,089
2009	25,000	2,363	27,363	2008	168,311	56,515	224,826
2010	25,000	788	25,788	2009	168,311	50,252	218,563
1998 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2010	168,311	43,990	212,301
2004	55,000	26,288	81,288	2011	168,311	37,727	206,038
2005	55,000	23,813	78,813	2012	168,311	31,464	199,775
2006	55,000	21,200	76,200	2013	168,311	25,200	193,511
2007	55,000	18,588	73,588	2014	168,311	18,938	187,249
2008	55,000	15,975	70,975	2015	168,311	12,675	180,986
2009	55,000	13,363	68,363	2016	168,311	6,412	174,723
2010	55,000	10,750	65,750	2017	4,311	150	4,461
2011	55,000	8,000	63,000	TOTAL LANDFILL CLOSURE SRLFs			
2012	55,000	5,250	60,250		2,192,354	572,010	2,764,364
2013	50,000	2,500	52,500				

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# TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

During the year 2003, the Trustees of the Trust Funds received the following gifts: A gift of stock by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Merrill to the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund; A gift of monies to the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund by the following people: Barbara Perkins; Lynne Tierney; Claire Grady; Henry Grady; Tri- Town Youth Soccer - Travel Division.

These gifts should not go unrecognized nor should the generosity of past benefactors to our Town. Their kindness has made our lives and those of future generations that much richer. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank this year's benefactors for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

During the year 2003 The State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. continued to provide financial planning services, as Agents for the Trustees of the Trust Funds per an agreement dated April 30, 1992. The Trustees believe that the agents at State Street Bank and Trust have positioned our current investment portfolio so that it will continue to generate a positive yield for the present and into the future.

The Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, as represented on the following pages, details the various Trust Fund Accounts that were under the custody of the Trustees as of December 31,2003.

Respectively submitted,

Steven Murphy  
Andrew J. Szerlog

## CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

<u>Purpose of Fund</u>	<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Investment Type</u>	Balance as of <u>December 31, 2003</u>
Conservation	12/15/03	NH Public Deposit Investment Pool	\$80,023.07

<u>Purpose of Fund</u>	<u>Date Established</u>	<u>Investment Type</u>	Balance as of <u>December 31, 2003</u>
Preserve Town Common Area	6/01/01	Citizens Bank - Performance Investment	\$13,613.81

DATE CREATED			NAME OF TRUST FUND		PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND		PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
			ORIGINAL BALANCE	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	CUMULATIVE GAIN OR LOSS ON SECURITIES	CURRENT GAIN OR LOSS ON SECURITIES	BALANCE YEAR END	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	Income PRIOR	Income CURRENT	Gain/Loss EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR END	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	1897 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.10219	39,646.62	53,831.96	0.00	14,817.72	316.31	54,147.27	3,006.70	30.45	1,666.48	(6,250.05)	
2	1890 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.04536	17,597.00	22,893.51	0.00	6,405.93	445.36	24,033.96	3,118.88	24.38	776.68	3,546.60	
	TOTAL		0.14755	57,243.62	76,725.47	0.00	20,323.65	460.67	78,181.23	7,025.58	54.83	2,443.17	(1,703.45)	
3	1957 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.22465	219.04	1,004.04	0.00	789.57	5.88	1,009.92	109.05	0.85	32.13	110.71	
4	Unknown		0.11262	110.00	504.22	0.00	394.53	2.96	507.18	38.38	0.30	15.66	46.32	
5	Hermin Keonling		0.10250	100.00	458.38	0.00	360.48	2.69	461.07	31.90	0.25	14.15	46.30	
6	Robert St Pierre		0.05128	50.00	228.19	0.00	180.23	1.34	230.53	(0.00)	0.00	6.62	6.62	
7	Cora Cook		0.05128	50.00	228.19	0.00	180.23	1.34	230.53	(0.00)	0.00	6.62	6.62	
8	Edgar S Rhodes		0.20512	200.00	916.77	0.00	720.94	5.37	912.09	96.70	0.76	29.25	46.32	
9	Beverly Eaton		0.04718	46.00	210.85	0.00	165.82	1.24	212.04	(0.00)	0.00	6.09	6.09	
10	Lorenzo Bean		0.15384	150.00	807.57	0.00	640.71	4.03	801.60	64.30	0.50	21.70	46.32	
11	Unknown		0.00948	97.04	446.38	0.00	344.73	26.16	440.54	34.32	2.64	138.83	242.55	
	TOTAL OF 1877 FUND		0.00948	97.04	446.38	0.00	344.73	26.16	440.54	34.32	2.64	138.83	242.55	
12	1977 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
13	Mrs. Richard Dineault		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
14	Mrs. Clifford Stone		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
15	Mrs. Clifford Stone		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
16	Mrs. Peter Belsky		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
17	Christie Karanikas		0.09114	275.00	373.40	0.00	553.83	2.19	375.59	2.81	0.02	10.86	13.69	
18	Mrs. Francis O'Brien		0.17820	550.00	748.82	0.00	1,107.68	4.38	751.20	75.58	0.59	22.74	46.32	
19	Mrs. H. Diane Rowley		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
20	Elmer Nickerson		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
21	Shirley M. Gordon		0.08914	275.00	373.40	0.00	553.83	2.19	375.59	2.81	0.02	10.86	13.69	
22	Arthur Blouin		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
23	Philip Shepard		0.05673	175.00	237.63	0.00	352.44	1.39	239.02	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	
24	Robert W. Hill Jr.		0.02945	60.00	81.50	0.00	78.84	0.46	81.50	0.00	0.00	2.35	2.35	
25	Unknown		0.00785	3,085.00	4,188.63	0.00	6,713.04	24.59	4,213.43	81.20	0.61	122.32	151.54	
	TOTAL OF 1877 FUND		0.00785	3,085.00	4,188.6									



REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DECEMBER 31, 2003

DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	%	PRINCIPAL				INCOME						
				ORIGINAL BALANCE	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	CUMULATIVE LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	CURRENT LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	Income PRIOR	Gain/Loss CURRENT	Income EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR-END	
1980 Cemetery Fund														
30	Arthur Grant	Perpetual Care	0.00090	350.00	475.25	0.00	127.43	2.79	478.04	13.51	0.11	14.11	27.73	0.00
31	Peter Jenkins		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
32	John Fletcher		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
33	Mr. Philip Nault		0.00071	275.00	373.42	0.00	100.13	2.19	375.61	0.00	0.00	10.78	10.78	0.00
34	John Hillis		0.00090	350.00	475.25	0.00	127.43	2.79	478.04	13.49	0.11	14.11	27.71	0.00
35	Marvin Akery		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
36	Albert Wakefield		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
37	Marjorie Stanyan		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
38	Despou Kokullis		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
39	Alice Vincent		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.25	0.00	11.76	12.01	0.00
40	John Parker		0.00155	600.00	814.73	0.00	218.43	4.78	819.51	79.68	0.62	25.82	46.32	58.80
50	William Goss		0.00128	500.00	678.93	0.00	182.00	3.98	682.91	53.21	0.42	21.13	46.32	28.44
51			0.00026	100.00	135.80	0.00	35.41	0.80	136.60	0.00	0.00	3.92	3.92	0.00
52	Arlot Charbonneau		0.01115	4,325.00	5,872.67	0.00	1,547.66	34.46	5,907.13	174.88	1.37	174.54	262.55	88.24
TOTAL OF 1981 FUND														
				300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.00	0.00	11.76	11.76	0.00
				200.00	271.58	0.00	72.81	1.59	273.17	0.00	0.00	7.84	7.84	0.00
				150.00	203.67	0.00	54.60	1.19	204.86	0.00	0.00	5.88	5.88	0.00
				300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	7.95	0.06	11.99	20.00	0.00
				300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	7.95	0.06	11.99	20.00	0.00
				300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	7.95	0.06	11.99	20.00	0.00
				175.00	237.64	0.00	63.71	1.39	239.03	0.00	0.00	6.86	6.86	0.00
				300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	7.95	0.06	11.99	20.00	0.00
				2,025.00	2,749.59	0.00	737.12	16.12	2,765.71	31.80	0.24	80.30	112.34	0.00
TOTAL OF 1981 FUND														
				700.00	950.49	0.00	254.83	5.57	956.06	102.73	0.80	30.40	46.32	87.61
				275.00	373.42	0.00	100.13	2.19	375.61	0.00	0.00	10.78	10.78	0.00
				650.00	882.60	0.00	236.62	5.17	887.77	89.49	0.70	28.06	46.32	71.93
				300.00	407.34	0.00	109.20	2.39	409.73	0.00	0.00	11.76	11.76	0.00
				200.00	271.58	0.00	72.81	1.59	273.17	0.00	0.00	7.84	7.84	0.00
				150.00	203.67	0.00	54.60	1.19	204.86	0.00	0.00	5.88	5.88	0.00
				2,275.00	3,089.10	0.00	828.19	18.10	3,107.20	192.22	1.50	94.72	128.90	185.24
TOTAL OF 1982 FUND														
				4,775.00	6,484.05	0.00	1,786.62	38.00	6,522.05	863.36	6.74	212.07	31.32	1,059.85
				24,995.21	33,126.71	0.00	8,882.62	194.16	33,320.87	4,633.38	36.18	1,099.88	31.32	5,728.12
				6,716.93	9,397.37	0.00	1,801.07	39.37	9,436.74	911.23	7.02	220.17	31.32	1,107.20
				14,714.78	19,981.48	0.00	5,357.85	117.11	20,098.59	3,954.20	30.88	890.86	31.32	4,644.62
				1,000.00	1,357.91	0.00	364.10	7.96	1,365.87	136.72	1.07	43.14	31.32	148.91
				300.00	409.68	0.00	111.55	2.40	412.08	3.82	0.03	11.94	15.89	0.00
				100.00	135.81	0.00	36.41	0.80	136.61	0.00	0.00	3.92	3.92	0.00
				50,231.48	68,272.57	0.00	18,292.22	399.80	68,672.37	10,502.81	82.02	2,271.98	176.41	12,860.40
				0.12949		0.00								
TOTAL														

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DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL			CUMULATIVE			INCOME				
			ORIGINAL BALANCE	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	CURRENT LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	BALANCE YEAR END	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	Income			
										PRIOR	Income	Gain/Loss CURRENT	
1883 Cemetery Fund													
84	Fred A. Hamilton	Perpetual Care	300.00	407.37	0.00	109.23	2.39	409.76	0.00	0.00	11.76	11.76	0.00
85	Kenneth Hardan		700.00	950.56	0.00	264.89	5.57	956.13	105.55	0.82	30.48	46.32	90.53
86	Gerald McNeil		450.00	611.06	0.00	161.85	3.58	614.64	39.38	0.31	18.77	46.32	12.15
87	Mrs. R.H. Rogers		300.00	407.37	0.00	109.23	2.39	409.76	0.00	0.00	11.76	11.76	0.00
88	Robert Wilke, Sr.		375.00	509.21	0.00	136.53	2.96	512.19	19.55	0.15	15.26	34.96	0.00
89	Henry Wagner		300.00	407.37	0.00	109.23	2.39	409.76	0.00	0.00	11.76	11.76	0.00
90	Mrs. John Scanlon		300.00	407.39	0.00	109.22	2.39	409.78	0.00	0.00	11.76	11.76	0.00
	TOTAL OF 1883 FUND		2,725.00	3,700.33	0.00	1,002.18	21.69	3,722.02	164.49	1.25	111.55	174.64	102.18
1884 Cemetery Fund													
91	Virginia Boulet	Perpetual Care	175.00	236.22	0.00	62.31	1.38	237.60	0.00	0.00	6.82	6.82	0.00
92	Leslie/Yvonne Fellows		575.00	776.20	0.00	204.74	4.55	780.75	51.68	0.40	23.90	46.32	29.66
93	Mrs. Richard Kohle		375.00	506.22	0.00	133.53	2.97	509.19	21.27	0.17	15.23	38.67	0.00
94	Alfred F. Lively		575.00	776.20	0.00	204.74	4.55	780.75	73.91	0.58	24.54	46.32	52.71
95	Gloria P. McKenna		300.00	404.98	0.00	106.83	2.37	407.35	1.54	0.01	11.73	13.28	0.00
96	Leonzio J. Perry		150.00	202.49	0.00	53.46	1.19	203.68	0.00	0.00	5.84	5.84	0.00
97	Wilfred S. Whitler		565.00	762.70	0.00	201.18	4.47	767.17	71.29	0.56	24.07	46.32	49.60
98	Jillian Vandenbrouwe		375.00	506.22	0.00	133.53	2.97	509.19	21.29	0.17	15.23	38.69	0.00
99	Mrs. John Loewen		175.00	236.24	0.00	62.30	1.38	237.62	0.00	0.00	6.82	6.82	0.00
100	Albert Gilbert		375.00	506.22	0.00	133.54	2.97	509.19	21.28	0.17	15.23	38.69	0.00
101	J & P Goudreault		375.00	506.22	0.00	133.54	2.97	509.19	21.28	0.17	15.23	38.69	0.00
	TOTAL OF 1884 FUND		4,015.00	5,419.91	0.00	1,428.64	31.77	5,451.68	262.27	2.08	164.02	286.38	131.97
1885 Cemetery Fund													
102	1885 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	2,150.00	2,589.77	0.00	451.58	15.18	2,604.95	312.34	2.44	83.76	136.32	262.22
103	1933 K. Holler/Westland Cemetery *	Perpetual Care	40,000.00	54,526.31	0.00	6,276.59	319.59	54,845.90	1,666.12	13.01	1,621.90	31.32	3,269.71
104	1952 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	3,345.00	14,269.29	0.00	10,998.38	83.63	14,352.92	1,964.71	15.34	469.57	136.32	2,312.50
105	1952 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	1,867.65	5,172.90	0.00	3,861.35	33.54	5,756.44	1,000.25	8.28	195.78	166.32	1,097.99
106	Unknown/Ethel Greer Fund	Perpetual Care	1,325.00	729.72	0.00	(591.54)	4.28	734.00	87.09	0.68	22.58	31.32	80.03
107	Unknown Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	70.00	206.30	0.00	137.23	1.21	207.51	0.00	0.00	5.95	5.95	0.00
108	1955 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	2,783.65	19,313.08	0.00	16,616.96	113.20	19,426.08	2,372.68	18.53	625.92	31.32	2,985.81
	TOTAL		51,541.30	97,357.37	0.00	37,761.15	570.83	97,928.00	7,463.19	58.28	3,029.46	538.87	10,008.08
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			186,249.44	283,377.04	0.00	95,030.05	1,860.73	285,037.77	26,072.13	208.16	8,940.18	13,911.25	21,918.18
* Terms of Request - 1/2 of Income to be returned to principal annually													
1897 Library Fund													
109	1897 Library Improvement Fund	Library	5,321.32	4,365.48	0.00	745.81	25.59	4,391.07	343.37	2.68	135.91	31.32	450.64
110	1910 Parker Fund	Library	3,745.17	5,085.35	0.00	1,383.37	28.81	5,115.16	1,233.28	9.53	182.38	31.32	1,393.97
111	1932 Goodwin/Hazeltine/Knox	Library	0.00	1,303.72	0.00	1,303.72	28.50	4,891.36	1,178.24	9.20	174.37	31.32	1,330.49
112	Tibbitts & Greer Fund	Library	3,591.32	4,882.86	0.00	364.04	7.96	1,365.80	310.97	2.43	48.17	31.32	330.25
113	1933 T. Butterfield Fund	Library	1,325.00	729.61	0.00	(592.69)	4.28	733.89	155.54	1.21	25.55	31.32	150.98
114	Unknown/Ethel Greer Fund	Library	70.00	206.28	0.00	137.24	1.21	207.49	26.03	0.20	6.71	31.32	1.62
	TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS		15,042.81	18,607.92	0.00	3,322.12	97.35	18,704.93	3,247.43	25.55	573.09	187.82	3,657.95

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				ORIGINAL BALANCE	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	LOSS OR GAIN DN SECURITIES	LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	CURRENT BALANCE YEAR-END	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	Income PRIOR	Gain/Loss Income CURRENT	Income EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR-END	
1964	Ethel Greer Fund	Flowers	0.00155	600.00	814.72	0.00	218.43	4.78	819.50	1,633.69	12.76	70.67	1,110.87	606.25	
	Unknown Cemetery Flower Fund		0.01325	4,305.52	6,992.52	0.00	1,708.85	40.93	7,023.45	1,333.64	10.41	240.03	31.32	1,552.76	
	1993 K. Holler Flower Fund		0.00107	500.00	564.66	0.00	67.24	3.31	567.97	269.80	2.11	24.09	633.87	(37.87)	
	1995 Marion S. Foss Fund		0.00219	1,000.00	1,154.64	0.00	271.20	6.77	1,161.41	283.11	2.21	41.50	110.87	215.95	
	1987 Woodson/Greer Flower Fund		0.00244	1,000.00	1,283.14	0.00	239.49	7.52	1,290.66	1,734.41	13.54	87.10	110.87	1,724.18	
	1983 Roy Dummer Fund		0.00077	300.00	407.34	0.00	91.61	2.59	409.73	702.46	5.49	32.03	110.87	629.11	
	1983 Verro Bartlett Fund		0.00052	200.00	271.58	0.00	72.81	1.59	273.17	477.64	3.73	21.63	110.87	392.13	
	1983 Ethel Cliley Stone Fund		0.00052	200.00	271.58	0.00	55.22	1.59	273.17	432.88	3.38	20.33	110.87	345.45	
	1996 MM Clayton Sargent Fund		0.00110	500.00	577.32	0.00	79.96	3.38	580.70	100.11	0.78	19.55	110.87	9.57	
	Unknown Ethel Greer Gravestone Fd	Gravestone	0.00026	100.00	136.80	0.00	34.27	0.80	136.60	100.11	6.26	27.06	31.32	800.71	
1989	Basile Emory Westlawn Cemetery	Flowers	0.00069	300.00	361.35	0.00	70.31	2.12	363.47	861.62	6.73	35.30	531.32	372.33	
	1989 Estate-Hedley Pingree Flower Fund		0.00114	500.00	602.21	0.00	104.97	3.53	605.74	598.72	4.68	34.66	110.87	527.19	
	1989 Albert Wakfield Flower Fund		0.00114	500.00	602.21	0.00	104.97	3.53	605.74	598.72	4.68	34.66	110.87	527.19	
	1988 William Parker Flower Fund		0.00108	500.00	570.80	0.00	74.19	3.35	574.15	47.62	0.37	17.85	31.32	34.52	
	1994 J Robert Merrill Flower Fund		0.00100	500.00	527.13	0.00	30.24	3.09	530.22	27.56	0.22	16.01	31.32	12.47	
	TOTAL FLOWER FUNDS		0.02386	11,505.52	15,729.21	0.00	3,316.72	92.21	15,821.42	10,503.92	82.04	757.18	3,396.12	7,944.02	
	1992	Paul Lemery	Scholarship	0.00992	4,626.17	5,227.68	0.00	625.35	30.64	5,258.32	275.27	2.15	158.83	281.32	154.93
		1992 Doris Bailey	Scholarship	0.02226	10,745.25	12,252.94	0.00	1,483.58	71.82	12,324.76	3,750.46	28.29	461.91	531.32	3,710.34
		1947 W. Richards Fund	Barnard Plgrnd	0.00129	500.00	678.91	0.00	180.00	3.98	682.89	343.07	2.68	29.50	31.32	343.93
		1947 W. Richards Fund	Hist. Society	0.03093	12,000.00	16,294.06	0.00	4,368.38	95.50	16,389.56	451.86	3.53	483.34	483.18	455.55
1987 W. Richards Fund II		Hist. Society	0.04384	18,000.00	23,096.67	0.00	5,202.00	135.37	23,232.04	650.83	5.08	685.43	682.15	659.18	
1976 Tricentennial Fund		Celebration	0.00066	250.00	346.25	0.00	92.83	2.03	348.28	1,293.58	10.10	47.33	31.32	1,319.69	
1996 Kunitachi Fund		Scholarship	0.00173	400.00	909.06	0.00	114.40	5.33	914.39	196.45	1.53	31.91	31.32	198.57	
1997 Grafton Town Hall			0.05356	5,853.45	28,213.07	0.00	1,929.77	165.36	28,378.43	3,406.59	26.60	912.65	31.32	4,314.52	
2001 Reserved for Future Trust			0.00019	100.00	100.81	0.00	2.56	0.00	101.40	0.00	0.00	2.91	0.00	0.00	
Unknown Trust Fund			0.00039	70.00	206.28	0.00	137.24	1.21	207.48	184.43	1.52	11.57	31.32	176.20	
1999	Unknown Trust Fund		0.01018	1,785.00	5,260.41	105.00	3,499.39	30.83	5,396.24	128.93	1.01	155.55	160.25	125.24	
	1999 Goffstown Common	Restoration/	0.00865	4,320.00	4,554.42	0.00	261.28	26.69	4,581.11	419.06	3.27	143.55	31.32	534.56	
	Preservation Trust	Improvement	0.00000	4,320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	153.93	1.20	4.44	31.32	128.25	
	2003 William Marston Scholarship Fund	Scholarship	0.01199	6,316.56	6,318.56	0.00	6,318.56	0.00	6,318.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	281.32	(281.32)	
	TOTAL VARIOUS FUNDS		0.19659	69,293.43	97,140.56	0.00	17,875.78	569.35	104,133.47	11,864.46	87.96	3,128.92	2,641.69	11,839.05	
	1968	Town Hall Fund	Maintain Town	0.14218	55,160.54	74,838.70	0.00	20,079.84	439.05	75,337.75	125,005.01	979.45	5,781.44	31.32	132,134.58
		1968 Town Hall Fund	Maintain Town	0.00066	25.00	33.73	0.00	0.99	0.20	33.93	0.18	1.66	0.18	31.32	(5.83)
		1968 H.S. Library Fund	Book/H.S. Lib.	0.03093	12,000.00	16,294.05	0.00	4,368.38	95.50	16,389.55	468.36	3.66	483.82	489.68	456.16
		1968 H.S. Scholarship Fund	Scholarship	0.02093	12,000.00	16,294.05	0.00	4,368.42	95.50	16,389.55	1,629.53	12.73	517.33	1,031.32	1,128.27
	TOTAL WILDERD STARK FUNDS														
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS															
New Fund - William Marston Scholarship Fund \$6,316.56															

(1) Gift from  
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Lynne Tierney & Barbara Perkins \$30.00  
Henry & Claire Grady \$25.00  
Tri-Town Youth Soccer League \$48.00







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*Department and Committee Reports***BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*Seated L-R: Vivian Blondeau, Chairman John Caprio, Al Desruisseaux, Secretary Jo Ann Duffy. Standing L-R: Selectman Robert Wheeler, Dan Cloutier, Dennis Rechcygl, Peter Georgantas, Kevin Buckley, Suzanne Tremblay.*

The primary mission of the Budget Committee is to prepare the Town and School District operating budgets for recommendation to the Deliberative Sessions (first SB2 meeting). While we discharge this responsibility throughout the year by studying monthly expenditure and revenue reports to gain insight into the budgets, the process is most evident during the “budget season,” which this year, began in late September and runs through the second SB2 meetings in March.

The Committee has continued its practice, begun last year, to meet as a Committee of the Whole. While this method is quite demanding, the benefit is that all members understand both budgets in detail and there is opportunity for greater perspective and analysis. By the end of the budget process the Committee will have conducted over twenty meetings. New this year, we instituted joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to hear Department head proposals. Our thoughts for this change were to eliminate redundant briefings and create a learning opportunity for the Committee and BOS. As with all changes, the Committee will conduct a “post mortem” in March to determine if the change should become standard process.

Because the Budget Committee, BOS and School Board all have budgetary responsibilities there is natural tension. In fact, the New Hampshire Supreme Court has recognized this tension and in a past ruling has stated that Budget Committees have a duty to perform a moderating function and to serve as an additional voice for taxpayers.

Our responsibility this year is even greater given the recent Town-wide property revaluation and the tax effects of last year's budgets. Consequently, it is important that residents keep in touch with the Budget Committee throughout the year through communication with individual members and by attending 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly meetings. The voice of the community is vital to enabling the Budget Committee to understand all points of view and to accomplish its mission by recommending a budget that balances all fundamental interests.

Respectfully submitted,  
John A. Caprio, Chair

## CABLE TV ACCESS



*Seated R-L: Rosemary Garretson, Andrea Card, Marie Boyle. Standing L-R: Donald Gagnon, Richard Gagnon, Chairman Jim Pingree, Patrick Tucker.*

Public and government programming increased this year. The Cable Television Access Committee extends its sincere thanks to all of the volunteers that gave of their time to make this possible.

The committee has implemented a second channel. Channel 16 will broadcast public access and education shows and Channel 22 will carry governmental programs. Most governmental meetings are carried on the station with a live



feed from town hall for several of the governmental meetings, followed by taped sessions.

The federal government requires that, by the year 2006, all television stations broadcast and cablecast digital signals. We are well on our way to accomplishing this switch from analog to digital. With the approval of a five-year plan from the Capital Improvement Committee, we have added a second advanced digital editing station and we are now using digital editing for all programming. A digital video server for tapeless playback of shows and the new bulletin board system will soon be in place. The new bulletin board system will allow the bulletin board to be on the GTV website for improved access. The system will also allow for improved scheduling of events.

Our studio is in the back of the Goffstown Area High School. The only requirement to work with us is a desire to learn. Everyone is welcome. Our patrons have been covering public hearings, producing their own shows, building sets, programming the show schedule and helping in many other ways to improve community access on both channels. For more information please contact the studio at 497-5707.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Pingree, Chair

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The goal of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to ensure citizen health, safety and welfare by maintaining facilities and the improvements of essential services. When related to the Master Plan, the CIP process works to anticipate investments in community facilities, which are needed to serve or shape the pattern of development and growth.

The Capital Improvement Program is one measure, which the Planning Board may use, to judge whether a development is scattered and premature based on the absence of essential public services, where the development could require excessive public expenditures to supply these services. After meeting with all department heads the committee studies each project and may make recommendations to the department. The final report is subject to approval from the public, the Planning Board, the Budget Committee and the Selectmen.

The budgetary purpose of the CIP committee is to receive, analyze and prioritize capital proposals, which the town anticipates over the next six years.

The Planning Board's adopted Capital Improvement Program appears below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Georgantas, Chair



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2004 – 2009

DEPARTMENT	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
<b>HISTORIC COMMISSION</b>						
Grasmere Town Hall Renovation	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>250,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PLANNING / ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Rails to Trails Project	0	250,000	500,000	0	0	0
Town Hall Office Renovation	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>POLICE</b>						
Hot Standby Microwave System	64,375	63,860	0	0	0	0
24 Hour Recording Device (Multi-Channel)	0	37,080	0	0	0	0
Communications Console Radio Room	0	0	106,090	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>64,375</b>	<b>100,940</b>	<b>106,090</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FIRE</b>						
Church St. Station Additions	0	0	175,000	0	0	0
Conventional Radio	41,000	0	0	0	0	0
Replace Self-Contained Breathing	51,000	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal Alarm Upgrade	25,000	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>117,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>						
Barnard Pool Bottom Replacement	0	25,200	0	0	0	0
Barnard Park Improvements	0	87,000	0	0	0	0
Pinardville Field Equipment	28,000	0	0	0	0	0
Barnard Tennis Court	0	0	59,000	0	0	0
Roy Park	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>112,200</b>	<b>59,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>						
Harry Brook0	480,000	0	0	0	0	0
Mtn Rd Bridge Replacement 085/98	0	348,000	0	0	0	0
Mtn Rd Bridge Replacement 085/100	0	00	326,000	0	0	0
Reclamation	1,700,000	1,751,000	1,804,000	1,859,000	1,915,000	1,973,000
Wallace & Mast Rd. Improvements	75,000	500,000	0	0	0	0
Shirley Hill Rd. Cemetery Stonewall	55,000	0	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk – Shaws to Libby Street	28,800	0	0	0	0	0
Rosemont Area Drainage Study	50,000	0	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk – Danis Park to Mooseclub Park	0	0	630,000	0	0	0
Snook Rd. Reconstruction	0	232,000	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk Reconstruction	48,000	51,000	54,000	57,000	60,000	63,000
Drainage Projects	29,000	31,000	33,000	35,000	37,000	39,000
Municipal Curbside Recycling	524,800	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>2,990,600</b>	<b>2,913,000</b>	<b>2,847,000</b>	<b>1,951,000</b>	<b>2,021,000</b>	<b>2,075,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS:</b>	<b>3,544,975</b>	<b>3,746,140</b>	<b>3,782,090</b>	<b>2,076,000</b>	<b>2,092,000</b>	<b>2,155,000</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTAL:</b>	<b>3,961,692</b>	<b>4,227,608</b>	<b>4,240,481</b>	<b>2,968,151</b>	<b>2,891,872</b>	<b>2,841,289</b>
<b>OFFSETTING REVENUE:</b>	<b>583,000</b>	<b>450,100</b>	<b>769,800</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NET COST:</b>	<b>3,378,692</b>	<b>3,777,508</b>	<b>3,470,681</b>	<b>2,963,151</b>	<b>2,891,872</b>	<b>2,841,289</b>
<b>% INCREASE/DECREASE</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>11.87%</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>	<b>-2.4%</b>	<b>-1.75%</b>

## FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:

04 – Grasmere Town Hall – 150,000

04 - Sewer Commission - \$44,000

04 – Harry Brook Bridge – Grant \$384,000

05 – Margaret Stark Fund- \$16,700

05 – Mtn Road Bridge 085/98– Grant \$278,400

06 – Sidewalk Danis Pk to Moose Club Pk – Grant \$504,000

06 – Mtn Road Bridge 085/100 – Grant \$260,800

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2004 – 2009

DEPARTMENT	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09
<b>SEWER COMMISSION</b>						
West Side Pump Sta.,	133,000					
Piscataquog River Interceptor \$1.5M	0	118,000	110,000	103,000		
MWWTP Upgrade/Capacity	158,000	151,000	144,000	137,000	130,000	130,000
Riverview Park	41,000	39,000	37,000	30,000	29,000	29,000
Moose Club Park System	81,000	79,000	76,000	74,000	71,000	68,000
Knollcrest	118,000	115,000	112,000	109,000	106,000	106,000
Lynchville Park System		rescheduled to start in 2010				
Hermisdorf System		rescheduled to start in 2012				
Shirley Park		rescheduled to start in 2014				
Inflow & Infiltration Project	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>716,000</b>	<b>687,000</b>	<b>664,000</b>	<b>638,000</b>	<b>521,000</b>	<b>518,000</b>
State's Share:	260,000	250,000	151,000	148,000	135,000	135,000
User's Share:	456,000	437,000	513,000	490,000	386,000	383,000
<b>NET-TOTAL SEWER</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

1988 Bond Principal & Interest	51,905					
1995 Bond Principal & Interest	99,120	95,970	92,820	89,670	86,520	83,310
Truck	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Upgrade to Water System	0	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Village Grasmere Connection- Study	15,000	0	0	0	0	0
Village Grasmere Connection- Construct	0	75,000	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>169,025</b>	<b>348,970</b>	<b>270,820</b>	<b>267,670</b>	<b>264,520</b>	<b>261,310</b>
State Grant:	9,600					
State's Share:	29,736	28,791	27,846	26,901	25,956	24,993
User's Share:	129,689	320,179	242,974	240,769	238,564	236,317
<b>NET-TOTAL WATER PRECINCT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

Village Grasmere Connection- Construct:	0	75,000	0	0	0	0
Goffstown Back Road to Manchester	1,000,000	104,000	101,334	98,667	96,000	93,334
<b>SUB-TOTAL WATER PRECINCT:</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>179,000</b>	<b>101,334</b>	<b>98,667</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>93,334</b>
Bond Proceeds	1,000,000					
User's Share:	0	179,000	101,334	98,667	96,000	93,334
<b>NET-TOTAL WATER PRECINCT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BARTLETT

New Portable – 60 Mo Lease	23,271	23,271	23,271	0	0	0
2 <sup>ND</sup> Portable –	40,000	25,188	25,188	25,188	0	0
Move Admin. Office & expand storage	110,000					
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>173,271</b>	<b>48,459</b>	<b>48,459</b>	<b>25,188</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## MAPLE AVE.

Move Portable From MVMS –	22,234	22,234	22,234	0	0	0
New 48 Mo. Lease						
2 <sup>ND</sup> Portable –36 mo. Lease/ purch.		36,076	27,876	27,876	0	0
Sprinkler other ½ Building	34,500	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>56,858</b>	<b>58,434</b>	<b>50,2340</b>	<b>27,876</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## MT. VIEW

\$7.9M and \$5M Existing Bonds*	873,168	844,103	816,343	783,530	745,229	715,755
Replace John Deere Tractor	0	0	0	0	0	27,500



**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2004 – 2009**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>FY04</b>	<b>FY05</b>	<b>FY06</b>	<b>FY07</b>	<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY09</b>
Replace 4 movable wall patricians	33,600	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>906,786</b>	<b>844,103</b>	<b>816,343</b>	<b>783,530</b>	<b>745,229</b>	<b>715,775</b>
<b>G.A.H.S.</b>						
New Surface on Existing Track	0	0	100,000	0	0	0
Lights & Upgrade to Field	0	100,000	0	0	0	0
Bleacher Seating	0	0	200,000	0	0	0
John Deere Tractor	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
GAHS Renovation & Addition Bond	1,085,750	1,061,750	1,037,750	1,013,000	987,500	961,850
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>1,085,750</b>	<b>1,186,750</b>	<b>1,337,750</b>	<b>1,013,000</b>	<b>987,500</b>	<b>961,850</b>
<b>DISTRICT WIDE</b>						
Technology Plan	123,000	72,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Kindergarten Proposal	3,693,000	0	0	0	0	0
Kindergarten Facility Bond	0	25,581	123,370	120,465	117,665	114,865
Elementary Expansion	0	100,000	10,500,000	0	0	0
Elementary Expansion Bond	0	0	0	267,843	977,419	955,106
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>3,816,000</b>	<b>197,581</b>	<b>11,023,370</b>	<b>788,308</b>	<b>1,495,084</b>	<b>1,469,971</b>
<b>SCHOOL SUB-TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,038,647</b>	<b>2,335,327</b>	<b>13,276,156</b>	<b>2,637,902</b>	<b>3,227,883</b>	<b>3,175,076</b>
<b>OFFSETTING REVENUES:</b>	<b>3,970,000</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>10,794,000</b>	<b>294,000</b>	<b>452,000</b>	<b>452,000</b>
<b>NET SCHOOL TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,068,647</b>	<b>2,065,327</b>	<b>2,482,156</b>	<b>2,343,902</b>	<b>2,775,883</b>	<b>2,723,076</b>
<b>% INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>-0.16%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
<b>COMBINED TOWN &amp; SCHOOL TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,447,339</b>	<b>5,842,835</b>	<b>5,952,837</b>	<b>5,307,053</b>	<b>5,667,755</b>	<b>5,564,365</b>
<b>% INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>-10.9%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES



*L-R: Jean Walker, Leon Konieczny, Linda Reynolds-Naughton.*

The Cemetery Trustees lost an advocate and friend this year with the passing of Ezra Beck, who served diligently and spent an enormous amount of time researching Perpetual Care Funds of years past. Another Trustee, Russ Lauriat, resigned and Ms. Jean Walker and Ms. Linda Naughton-Reynolds volunteered to serve on the committee and were sworn in during the summer.

Funds left by generous members of the community for purposes of beautification of Westlawn Cemetery enabled the Trustees to purchase new maple trees to replace the diseased and decayed trees within the cemetery. The DPW provided the labor and the results of the undertaking greatly enhance the main entrance of the cemetery. Some of the secondary roads were improved, and twenty of the broken monuments were repaired and replaced this season. Unfortunately, due to the heavy schedule of the DPW, the installation of a dependable water system at Shirley Hill nor the turnaround for vehicles at Hillside cemetery was possible. Both these items remain as priorities.

The Attorney General's Office provided a Training Session which proved beneficial to the Trustees regarding both their use of Perpetual Care Funds as well as clarification of their powers and duties as defined by RSA 289:7.

The Trustees will continue to work towards providing a place of peace, comfort, dignity and remembrance for all who have loved ones buried in the Goffstown cemeteries. None of this can be accomplished without the support and backing of its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Konieczny, Chairman

Linda Reynolds-Naughton

Jean Walker

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION



*Seated L-R: Evelyn Miller, Janet Falcone, Collis Adams, Sue Ward (secretary).  
Standing L-R: Selectman Barbara Griffin, Lisa Yesse, Kimberly Peace, Tim Hanson,  
Jason Sachs, Susan Tucker, Jean Walker, David Nieman.*

This past year has been an active and productive year for the Conservation Commission. The commission now has a full compliment of 7 regular members and 4 alternates as well as many non-members who regularly attend meetings and provide valuable assistance with our efforts. We believe that this involvement indicates the increasing importance and level of concern that residents have for the natural resources in our community.

The commission continues to provide support to the Planning Board for all subdivision and site plan applications that come before the board. The commission conducted over 50 site inspections and provided reports and recommendations to the Planning Board on these applications. The commission also maintains representation at Planning Board meetings to provide assistance as requested by the board. The commission has also reviewed, inspected and commented on 11 applications to the NH Department of Environmental Services for wetland dredge and fill permits and intent-to-cut timber notices.

Improvements have continued at the town owned property at Glen Lake with the completion of an informational kiosk and portable toilet pad. Work is ongoing to complete the survey of town owned property on South Uncanoonuc Mountain. The commission co-sponsored a clean up day of the Piscataquog River in conjunction with the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee.

The commission has established an open space subcommittee to develop a comprehensive open space plan for our community, has presented the initial draft of the plan to the Board of Selectmen who has voted their support. The subcommittee is now focusing their efforts on detailed research and recommendations for incorporating various resource categories into the plan.

These include areas such as water resources, wildlife habitat, historical and cultural sites, recreation, scenic assets, class VI roads, trails, education, open space connectivity and buffers. Once completed, the open space plan will serve as a valuable reference and planning tool for the various boards, commissions and members of our community. The commission anticipates completion and adoption of the plan in 2004.

During the year, the commission sponsored public workshops on estate planning and land conservation. A contractor was selected and work was begun on the mapping of prime wetlands throughout town and application was made to UNH for assistance in completing a town-wide natural resources inventory. The town has accepted the donation of a 60-acre parcel that is a valuable addition to the town's inventory of open space lands. These are important items that will be incorporated into the overall open space plan.

Anyone interested in sharing their knowledge, expertise and time in the development of the open space plan or any other aspect of the commission's work is encouraged to contact any member of the commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Collis G. Adams, Chairman

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



*L-R seated: Planning and Economic Development Coordinator, Steve Griffin, Phil Tatro, Chairman Bill Jabjiniack, Richard Georgantas. L-R standing: Arthur Rose, Selectman John Sarette, Maggie Dolbow, Bill Dolbow, Bryan King, Jeffrey Seifert, Henry Grady, Selectman Bob Wheeler.*

The mission of the Goffstown Economic Development Council (GEDC) is to provide for and encourage commercial and industrial growth within Goffstown. For the town to create economic development opportunities it must be done in a planned, well thought out manner. The town must also be pro-active and focused



with its efforts. In 2003, GEDC was attentive on several of these, continuing the work that was initiated in 2002.

One project has been the Route 114 Corridor Management Plan, undertaken by Wilber Smith Associates. This was completed and adopted by the Planning Board as an amendment to the Master Plan. The study had set a goal of increasing non-residential property assessment to 20% of Goffstown's tax base, similar to other suburban communities. In response to this goal, the plan suggested where and in what form higher density, mixed-use development and non-residential uses might be concentrated and developed. All of this must be done in a manner protecting Route 114's transportation capacity and Goffstown's village scale and rural character. This plan should be implemented over the next several years, the first stage of which has included development of proposed zoning changes for the 2004 Town Meeting, which I hope everyone supports.

A second project has been to work with a developer who has proposed renovation and new construction of a mixed-use development at the Goffstown Village Mill site. This project follows the PlanNH design charrette that was carried out in 2002 and the site plan review process will continue into 2004. This is one of the best opportunities to expand the tax base in the village area that have come along in recent memory.

A third project was to lay the groundwork for assisting existing and new companies. The survey instruments were designed and tested. Goffstown Main Street did the surveys within the village area and the data is currently being assembled. The GEDC will continue the surveying process for the remainder of Goffstown during 2004.

In closing, the Council would like to say thank you to Planning and Economic Development Coordinator, Steve Griffin for his masterful assistance and guidance throughout the year. I hope you will help promote Goffstown's economic growth and prosperity in 2004!

Respectively submitted,  
William J. Jabjiniak, Chair

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

In 2003, the Goffstown Fire Department experienced a mixture of emotions and changes. Early in 2003, the Department lost a long time member, Deputy Chief Donald Girard. Deputy Chief Girard was a 41-year veteran of the Departments Call Force. Deputy Girard achieved many accomplishments during his career, but he made significant contributions in the area of Fire Investigations. Deputy Girard served the community as the Chief Officer in-charge of the Pinardville Station. He has left a void with many members, as he was a true leader and friend to all that served in the Goffstown Fire Department.

The Department also celebrated the retirement of Fire Chief Paul Nault in the fall of 2003. Chief Nault retired after serving the Community for 30 years.

During his career, Chief Nault served in every position in the Department. Starting out as a Call Fire Fighter working his way through the organization until he was promoted to Fire Chief in 2002. During his time as Fire Chief, Chief Nault worked to move the Goffstown Fire Department forward. The areas of Apparatus and Facility Maintenance were 2 of the areas that Chief Nault worked to improve. Chief Nault's dedication to the community and friendship to all employees were some of his greatest strengths.

In the fall of 2003, the Town hired a new Fire Chief. Fire Chief Frank Carpentino was hired to manage the Fire Department. Chief Carpentino came to Goffstown from the Town of Hudson where he served in the capacity of their Fire Chief for 6 ½ years.

The end of 2003 marked the retirement of EMT Ruth Normandeau. After 23½ years of dedicated service to the Town and Department EMT Normandeau decided to retire and travel with her husband. EMT Normandeau played a large role in the development of the EMS Division within the Goffstown Fire Department over the years. EMT Normandeau's warmth and compassion were always appreciated by the patients that she served.

In 2003, the Board of Selectmen assembled a group of individuals that were assigned the task of studying the Department and to make recommendations for future planning purposes. The Committee was comprised of 2 Selectmen, 2 Citizens, 3 current members of the Department and a retired Fire Chief. The Committee met on a number of occasions and discussed all areas of the Fire Department and its operations. A report was compiled and presented to the Board of Selectmen in late 2003. Many of the items that are contained in the Committee's report are addressed in the Department's Annual Report for 2003.

On behalf of the entire Fire Department, I would like to thank all of the members of the Planning Committee for the time, dedication, understanding and insight into our organization.

## **OPERATIONS DIVISION**

The Operations Division of the Goffstown Fire Department is comprised of 10 full-time and 60 Call Force employees. The Department provides both emergency and non-emergency services to the Community from 3 locations. Fire Stations are located in Goffstown Village, East Goffstown and in the Pinardville section of the Town. The Department provides both fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the Community from all 3 locations.

### **Full-Time Employees**

The full-time employees of the Department work a 45-hour workweek. These employees staff and respond to the needs of the Community Monday – Friday from 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM out of the Village and Pinardville Fire Stations. All full-time employees are trained and certified as fire and EMS responders.

### **Call Force Employees**

The Call Force employees of the Department provide coverage to the Community 24 hours a day. These employees are used as a supplemental work force during the weekdays, and are the primary responders at night, responding to

the needs of the Community from their homes. Call Force employees are used to staff the Village and Pinardville Stations on the weekend and holidays during the day. Most Call Force employees are certified as fire responders and many are also certified as EMS responders as well.

### **EMS Employees**

The Department has a small group of employees that serve as EMS only responders. These employees provide EMS coverage for the Town at night, responding to the needs of the Community from their homes. These employees are all certified as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's).

### **FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

The Fire Prevention Division is responsible for a number of duties and activities throughout the year. The Fire Prevention Division is staffed by one employee Monday – Friday from 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM and is responsible for: Plan Reviews, Inspections, Investigations, Public Education, Code Enforcement and various administration duties. The Fire Prevention Division is also used to supplement the on-duty crews during the week.

NOTE: An addendum has been provided as part of this report detailing the activities of this Division for the year 2003.

### **FACILITIES**

The Department has 3 facilities that are located throughout the Community.

- Station 17, located on Tirrell Hill Road, was built in 1975 and serves the East Goffstown area.
- Station 18, located on Church Street, was built in 1959 and serves the Village area.
- Station 19, located on Mast Road, was built in 1970 and serves the Pinardville area.

All 3 stations have emergency apparatus assigned to respond to the needs of the Community. Station 18 and 19 each has an Ambulance assigned to them to provide transportation of those that are sick or injured. The Department completed the following facility projects during the year:

- Replaced all of the windows at the Pinardville Station.
- Added an additional layer of insulation to the East Goffstown Fire Station.
- Insulated the boat storage area at the Church Street Station.
- Upgraded the electrical wiring at the Church Street Station.

In addition to the above the Department also had an energy audit completed on all 3 facilities. All of the stations have limitations. Inadequate size, lack of space in all areas and old utilities are all items that need to be addressed in the future.

### **APPARATUS**

The Department has a variety of emergency apparatus assigned to respond to the needs of the Community from its 3 locations. Currently, the Department



operates 4 Engines, 1 Tanker, 2 Ambulances, 2 Aerial Devices, 1 Forestry Unit, 1 Hose Wagon, 2 Utility Vehicles and 2 Command Vehicles.

In 2003, the Department experienced a number of apparatus maintenance problems. A number of these problems were directly related to an aging fleet that has served the Community well through the years. The need to create and follow through with an approved Master Apparatus Replacement Program is essential. The timely replacement of emergency fire and EMS apparatus is directly related to the level of service that the Department can provide to the Community. In 2003 Engine 5, a 1985 Ford Fire Engine was taken out of service due to a structural safety issue. The Department has requested that the Town approve the purchase of a new Pumper / Tanker to replace this piece of equipment in 2004. The Department also experienced a number of maintenance issues with one of its Aerial Devices, Ladder 6. This vehicle was out of service for a great deal of time during the year for a number of maintenance items. The vehicle returned to full-service in December of 2003 and it is our hope to receive another 3 to 5 years of service from this vehicle.

The Department purchased a new 2004 Ford F-350 pick-up truck in the Fall of 2003. This vehicle replaced an old and high maintenance vehicle. The new pick up truck will be used as a utility truck and will possibly be used in the future as a Forestry Unit. The Department also purchased a new 2003 Ford Expedition during the year to replace an older style vehicle. This vehicle has been assigned to the Operations Division of the Department.

The Department is currently working on creating a Master Apparatus Replacement Program that will include all Fire Department vehicles. This document will be presented in 2004 during the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) process and again during the 2005 budget process.

## **MUNICIPAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

Currently, the Town has an aging Municipal Fire Alarm System that is in need of updating. The Fire Department has been responsible for the maintenance of this system over the years and has done a good job in keeping this system up and running. In the fall of 2003, it was determined that the Department did not have any qualified and certified employees that could work on the system. The Department sponsored a Municipal Fire Alarm class and now we have 4 employees that are both trained and certified to work on the Town's system. In addition to this training the Town and Department must look into the needed equipment that is required in order to maintain this type of system.

## **FUTURE NEEDS**

The Fire Department like all organizations has areas that need to be addressed from time to time. Currently, the Department is concerned with the status and condition of its apparatus, its facilities and the lack of 24-hour coverage to the Community. As stated earlier the Department is working on the creation of a long term Master Apparatus Replacement Program. This program



will include all Department apparatus and will look at the future growth of the Community.

The Department is also evaluating the current facilities. In addition to their location as compared to the growth and development of the Town, the Department is also concerned with the lack of space in all areas, old and outdated utilities, and the size of the apparatus bays. This one item has a significant impact on the size and type of apparatus that the Department can purchase for each facility. New modern day fire apparatus will have trouble fitting into the present facilities. There is a critical need for increased apparatus, living and office space at all 3 facilities.

The subject of 24 hour staffing is one that has been discussed for several years within the Community. One misconception that is out there is that if the Department increases its full-time force and goes to 24-hour coverage the Call Force will be eliminated. This is a false statement. If the Department were to provide 24 hour, full-time fire and EMS coverage, it would have an effect on the role that the Call Force plays, but it will not eliminate the Call Force. The single greatest advantage to providing 24-hour full-time coverage for the Town is that it will provide immediate emergency response as compared to the current delayed response at night. The subject of 24 staffing was addressed in the 1997 Goffstown Master Plan. The Town's Master Plan states that the Department should "Explore the possibility of town fire stations being manned 24 hours a day by the year 2005."

## SUMMARY

The Goffstown Fire Department and its members will continue to provide the Community with the highest level of fire and EMS services with the resources available. We thank each of you, the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Budget Committee, all other Town Departments and Boards, our family and friends for their continued support.

I would like to thank all the dedicated men and women of the Goffstown Fire Department who proudly serve the Town in the areas of fire and EMS. The dedication and professional manner in which these employees serve is what makes this a highly respected organization within the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Carpentino, Fire Chief

# GOFFSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

## INCIDENTS BY TYPE - 2003

	Count	% of Incidents
<b>Fire</b>		
Building fire	33	1.95%
Fires in other structures	2	0.12%
Cooking fire, confined to container	5	0.30%
Chimney fire	8	0.47%
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction	7	0.41%
Trash/rubbish fire	1	0.06%
Vehicle fire	5	0.30%
Brush fire	8	0.47%
Grass fire	1	0.06%
Outside rubbish/waste fire	1	0.06%
Dumpster fire	3	0.18%
Special outside fire	1	0.06%
	75	4.43%
Overpressure, rupture, explosion - no fire	1	0.06%
Air/gas rupture	1	0.06%
Excessive heat	2	0.12%
<b>Rescue &amp; EMS incidents</b>		
Medical Assist	251	14.82%
EMS call	689	40.67%
MVA w/ injuries	56	3.31%
Vehicle vs. pedestrian	4	0.24%
Search for person on land	1	0.06%
Removal of victim from stalled elevator	1	0.06%
Ice rescue	2	0.12%
Rescue or EMS standby	2	0.12%
	1006	59.39%
<b>Hazardous condition - no fire</b>		
Hazardous condition, other	1	0.06%
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	11	0.65%
Gas leak	13	0.77%
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	5	0.30%
Chemical spill or leak	1	0.06%
Carbon monoxide incident	8	0.47%
Electrical wiring/equipment problem	6	0.35%

Heat from short circuit	4	0.24%
Overheated motor	2	0.12%
Light ballast breakdown	1	0.06%
Power line down	11	0.65%
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	17	1.00%
Accident, potential accident, other	1	0.06%
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1	0.06%
Vehicle accident, general cleanup	3	0.18%
	85	5.02%

**Service Call**

Service call, other	6	0.35%
Person in distress, other	3	0.18%
Lockout	4	0.24%
Water problem, other	5	0.30%
Water evacuation	7	0.41%
Water or steam leak	9	0.53%
Smoke or odor removal	9	0.53%
Animal rescue	8	0.47%
Public service assistance	4	0.24%
Assist police or other agency	14	0.83%
Police matter	1	0.06%
Public service	13	0.77%
Assist invalid	25	1.48%
Unauthorized burning	32	1.89%
Cover assignment	9	0.53%
	149	8.80%

**Good intent**

Good intent, other	17	1.00%
Dispatched & cancelled	34	2.01%
Wrong location	1	0.06%
Authorized controlled burning	16	0.94%
Steam, gas mistaken for smoke, other	2	0.12%
Smoke scare	26	1.53%
Steam, vapor, fog or dust mistaken for smoke	4	0.24%
Barbecue, tar kettle	4	0.24%
Hazmat release investigation - none found	21	1.24%
	125	7.38%

**False call**

False call, other	1	0.06%
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Malicious, mischievous false call, other	4	0.24%
Municipal alarm system, malicious false	8	0.47%
Telephone, malicious false	1	0.06%
Local alarm system, malicious false	2	0.12%
Bomb scare - no bomb	1	0.06%
System malfunction, other	8	0.47%
Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	3	0.18%
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	50	2.95%
Heat detector activation due to malfunction	6	0.35%
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	49	2.89%
CO detector activation due to malfunction	5	0.30%
Unintentional transmission of alarm	21	1.24%
Sprinkler activation - no fire	4	0.24%
Smoke detector activation - no fire	56	3.31%
Detector activation - no fire	11	0.65%
Alarm system sounded - no fire	11	0.65%
CO detector activation, no CO	3	0.18%
	244	14.40%

#### **Severe weather & natural disaster**

Wind storm assessment	2	0.12%
Lightning strike - no fire	6	0.35%
	8	0.47%

Total Incident Count	1694	100.00%
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## **FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE**

<b>2003 YEAR END SUMMARY REPORT</b>	
<b><u>Construction Related Inspections</u></b>	
Oil Burning Equipment	65
Gas Piping & Equipment	158
Underground Propane Tanks	36
Re-inspections (misc.)	19
Site Plans Review	35
Building Plans Review	28
Chimney & Fireplace (interior)	39
Commercial Site Visit	



(meetings / progress insp.)	56
Residential Final	100
Commercial Final	4
Fire alarm acceptance testing	6
Fire sprinkler acceptance testing	4
<b><u>Life Safety Inspections</u></b>	
Foster Care	12
Daycare facilities	12
Schools	10
Assembly / Business Permits	70
Re-inspection (assembly / business)	10
Re-incident planning	60
<b><u>Fire Prevention – Misc.</u></b>	
Questions / consults / lookups / walk in	717
Fire Drills	83
Fire alarm services (arming)	468
Fire Investigation	6
Educational Programs	11
Station Visits	84
School Visits	25
Juvenile Fire Starter Clients	6
Complaint investigation / follow-up	10
Addressing	108
<b><u>Permits</u></b>	
Seasonal Fireplace inspections	70
Burning Permits	1,675
Blasting	12
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b>3,987</b>

### **Other Activities**

- ☐ Training personnel for assembly & business inspections
- ☐ Attended various training programs & NFA

## HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE



*L-R seated Doug Gove, Elizabeth Merrill L-R standing: David White, Eleanor Porritt, Brenda Henk, Roberta Perkins, Sel. and HDC Chair Philip D'Avanza.*

The year 2003 has been another busy year for the Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission. The focus, once again has been on the Grasmere Town Hall. The Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Project has been on going since, the Town voted to maintain ownership of this 1889 Queen Anne Style Town Hall in 1997. The architectural integrity of this building has remained intact for over 100 years. The Commission, working with the Town of Goffstown has worked non-stop finding innovative ways to raise money for this project and secure grant money to do so.

The accomplishments in 2003 have brought us to the final stage of this project. Through a grant funded by the NH Division of Historical Resources, an historic architect, Weller and Michael Architects, Inc. has been selected for the design and bid specifications for the completion of the final phase of renovations to the Grasmere Town Hall. This final phase includes a rear addition to provide ADA accessible entrance with an elevator and stairway. The Selectmen have signed the contract with Weller and Michael after they were selected from several firms that submitted RFP's for this project. Funding has been approved

by the Town, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) with a 60% reimbursement grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources.

The Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission continued to watch over its three Historic Districts. There were no hearings held this past year regarding construction or demolition in any of the districts. Although there were some projects in other areas of the Town that the Commission was asked to give their opinion. This being a clear indication the Boards within the Community of Goffstown work well together. The HDC/Heritage Commission continues on into 2004 with fundraising in mind for the completion of The Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Project.

Respectfully submitted by,  
The Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission

## GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY



*Seated L-R: George Fullerton, Ken Rose, Steve Brzozowski, Dianne Hathaway  
L-R: Terry Paré, Barbara Totherow Barbara Griffin, Susan Osborn, Amy LaPointe*

The year 2003 was one of change in technology and automation for the library as well as for tremendous growth in the areas of library programming and online usage. The community continues to support our growth and enthusiasm with their visits, positive comments, and fond relationships with our staff. In turn, we continue our commitment to excellent customer service, continued staff training and fostering an exciting environment for all ages.

**Goffstown Public Library Endowment Fund:** The library's endowment fund, now in its third year, reported some growth in 2003 with the return of a more healthy economy. As of September 30, 2003 the fund was worth \$156,387.35 with any quarterly earnings still being reinvested into the fund. The



Goffstown Public Library Endowment Fund is managed by the Manchester Regional Community Foundation, a division of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The purpose of the fund is "to support special initiatives of the Goffstown Public Library Trustees in furtherance of the mission of the Goffstown Public Library not funded by other sources."

**Fundraising and Memorial Donations:** The Friends of the Goffstown Public Library continued their valuable assistance by being advocates for the library as well as dynamic fundraisers. In addition to their successful annual book sale and "Ski and Skate Sale," the Friends and our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) engaged in a wildly exciting Krispy Kreme Doughnut fundraiser. Who knew there was money in doughnuts? Well, the surrounding communities and people as far away as Laconia heard the news and responded with sales of 460 DOZEN doughnuts! Needless to say, our teen and children's programming will benefit greatly by this fundraiser. The library was blessed this year by multiple donations in memory of Fernand LaMontagne, Janet Poore and Marion Lefebvre. These gracious gifts will benefit our genealogy and nonfiction collections and purchase "special" items to be enjoyed by the community for years to come. Many thanks to the friends and families of these individuals for sharing their memories of these special people with us.

**Programming:** The service area with the most dramatic growth this year was in our programming. This year we strengthened our adult programming by adding a monthly independent film night on the first Wednesday evening per month, and enhanced our already popular youth programs by purchasing a blanket movie license that allows us to show films with public performance rights. In addition, we are offering "computer classes @ your library" that highlight the online services we offer and the expertise of our staff. All in all, our program attendance increased by a total of 13% which includes a doubling of the attendance in our annual summer reading program.

**Automation and Web Services:** During December 2002 and January 2003 the library and our GMILCS, Inc. consortium migrated to a new automation system, called Dynix Horizon. The transition was tumultuous for most of the year but the result has been, and will continue to be, a more user-friendly system with flexible technology that will take us into the future. Because of this new system, we have changed our telecommunications network to include both DSL and cable lines, giving us more bandwidth and speedy connections for both library automation and Internet access. The web services we provide to the community through our site at [www.goffstown.lib.nh.us](http://www.goffstown.lib.nh.us) continue to gain usage by the public: our web site received 58% more "hits" in 2003 and our database usage increased by 11%. Thanks to Amy Lapointe, our Assistant Director, who keeps this terrific site up-to-date!

**Teen Services:** Our staff and trustees have worked hard to expand services to the young adults in the community. We further demonstrated our dedication to the Teen Advisory Board by following their purchase suggestions, supporting their programming (including the popular "Prom Preview"), and by giving them a space all their own. The staff has reconfigured the second floor so that teens



have an area to hang out in complete with wireless PC, game table (games and puzzles, too!), chairs, and an expanded collection of books and magazines. We continue to gather suggestions and want this space to truly reflect what our area youth are looking for at their public library. TAB meets on the second Wednesday evening of each month at 6:30 p.m.

The Goffstown Public Library provides great service and programming to the community that is only possible because of the fine staff we have. Amy Lapointe, Marsha McKay, Sharon Archambault, Sandy Whipple, Jessica Stevens, Barbara Schuler, Diane Lewis, Debra Durant, Jessica D'Avanza, Andrea D'Avanza, Erika Hamel, Michelle Blanchette and Angelo Camberis are the dynamic team that keeps this place hoppin'! Many thanks for their dedication and hard work.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dianne G. Hathaway  
Library Director

## GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### TRUSTEES REPORT

January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

#### REVENUES

Fines	4,420.15
Interest*	159.86
Fundraising	276.99
Dividends	1,913.15
Other Revenue:	
Gifts/Donations	3,689.30
Miscellaneous	1,196.04
Grants	500.00

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Total Revenue\*      \$12,155.49

Net Surplus\*          \$3,351.74

#### EXPENSES

Books/Subscript	\$5,271.01
Other Expenses:	
Programs	1,351.49
Bank Charges	63.85
Membership	35.00
Book Return	1,972.00
Other	110.40

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Total Expense          \$8,803.75

\*Before interest earned of \$0.89 on Building & Renovation Fund

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



*L-R seated: Mike McKinnon, George Havener, Parks & Recreation Director Dave French, Bob Draper, Chair. L-R standing: Jeff Dorow, Phil Tatro, J. Claude LaRoche, Sel. Philip D'Avanza, Barbara Larson.*

2003 was another busy year for the Parks & Recreation Department. Roy Park continues to be revitalized with the new parking lot and outdoor basketball court as well as exterior lighting for the parking lot and pool areas. We also resided the pavilion at the park. Programs were added for both youth and senior citizens and facilities were upgraded at Roy Park.

In our youth basketball program we again had to add teams in our Boys Junior and Senior Divisions as well as a team in our Girls Senior League. Our travel teams continued to flourish while competing in the Manchester Suburban League and our Instructional Basketball program saw a 5% increase at both Maple Ave. and Bartlett School sites. Our Girls Softball program has continued to expand with an increase in participation. We added an all-star game in our major league division for girls age 13-15 which was a huge success. Our Senior Citizen trips have continued to remain popular with more trips planned for the future. Attendance at our pools increased by 3% over the previous year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parks & Recreation Commission for their continued dedication to the community and support for the department and staff. I would like to acknowledge both Steven Paul and Anastasia Hurley for their fine work over the past year. I would also like to extend our thanks to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux and the Town Hall Staff for their cooperation and guidance. Also, I would like to extend my appreciation to several organizations for their support over the past year including: Men's 30 & over Basketball; Uncanoonuc Mountaineers; Tri-Town Soccer; Goffstown Jr. Baseball; Tae Kwon Do Karate

Club; Boy Scouts Troop #99; Goffstown Youth Football; and the Main St. Program for all of their efforts working with us and the community.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the C.I.P. committee for their efforts in looking towards the future in Goffstown as well as the budget committee for their continued support. I would also like to thank our summer staff as well as our over 175 volunteer coaches in our programs. I would like to extend my appreciation to Bob Corson, Mike Tremblay, Dave Turner, Bill Sarette and Jim Gallagher for coaching our travel basketball teams this season.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Goffstown School Board for their support in the use of school facilities for the community. I want to thank Dr. Lockwood for his support as well as Athletic Director Howard Sobolov for his cooperation this year.

As always I want to thank the people of Goffstown who continue to support this department and participate in our program. Finally to my family for their continued support and understanding. We continue to look forward to serving the people of Goffstown.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. French, Director

### PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION LEVELS

Program	2001	2002	2003
Activity period	94	94	94
Summer activity period	65	60	60
Aerobics	90	90	98
Arts & Crafts	258	289	291
Awards Night {5 times/yr.}	1,135	1,515	1,750
Ballet {3 times/week}	190	205	215
Ballet Recital	400	415	435
Basketball, Boys	188	238	266
Basketball, Boys Travel	24	37	26
Basketball, Girls	130	140	129
Basketball, Girls Travel	12	24	13
Basketball, Instructional	45	45	45
Basketball, Mens	35	36	42
Basketball, Mens 30 & up	80	80	85
Basketball, Summer	20	20	15
Cheerleading		20	10
Christmas in August		38	45
Clown	50	34	50
Concert in the Park {2}	300	310	285
Lunch in the Park		80	50
Easter in July	168	155	182
Family Skating Night	230	230	240
Field Trips {summer}	210	210	210

Field Day Barnard	135		
Field Day Roy	120		
Foul Shooting Contests	125	144	154
Goffstown Gallop	239	218	167
Great Pumpkin Hunt	225	225	225
Gymnastics	155	175	175
Halloween in July	97	90	90
Hiking, Fall	0	14	
Jazz Dancing	32	52	52
Karate	105	142	142
Leslie Smith Show			100
UNH Little Red Wagon	248		
Dan Grady Magic Show		145	
Mystery Trip	40	40	40
Open Gym	123	25	100
Pickle Ball Tourney	34		
Scavenger Hunts	96		45
Tie Dye T-shirt Day	75	66	60
International Day	43	26	26
Senior Citizens Day	110	110	112
Senior Citizen Trips	102	80	100
Soccer	20	60	65
Softball, Girls {Major}	118	119	122
Softball, Girls {Minor}	124	128	128
Softball, Girls {Instructional}	35	40	42
Softball, Summer	119	178	178
Adult Softball League	48	48	48
Special Events, Summer	297	245	268
Yoga	35	40	40
Concert on the Common	78	165	170
Swimming Lessons	394	398	402
Tennis Tournament	24	24	24
Tennis, youth	130	140	150
Track & Field	22	36	30
Volleyball, Adult	72	56	55
Volleyball, Youth			8
Lacrosse			45
Open Gym Recreation Center	50	55	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,395</b>	<b>9,651</b>	<b>10,072</b>



FACILITIES

RECREATION CENTER:

**Groups using the French Community Room:** Karate, Gymnastics, Ballet, Jazz Dancing, Tap Dancing, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Summer Programs, Special Events, Youth Sports Registration, G.Y.F.A., Library Ski & Skate Sale, Health Fair.

**Groups using the Commissioners Room:** Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Snowmobile Club, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, G.Y.F.A.

Skating Rink/Picnic Area

Barnard Park

- John Brown Track & Field
- Tennis Courts (4)
- Stark Memorial Pool
- Playground Area
- Basketball Courts
- Outdoor Volleyball Area

Roy Park

- Tennis Courts (3)
- Softball/Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Playground Area
- Roy Memorial Pool

Pool attendance:	2000	2001	2002
Barnard Pool	10,015	11,136	11,536
Roy Pool	5,962	6,174	6,467
	15,962	17,310	18,003

**Skateboard Park:** Located on Church St.; open from dawn to dusk for skateboarders

**Church St. Park:** Located on Church St.

## PLANNING BOARD



*L-R seated: Lowell Von Ruden, Alt.; Dick Georgantas, Vice-Chair; Jim Raymond, Chair; Stacey Raven, Secretary. L-R standing: Tom Heany, Bill Wynn, Joseph Beauchemin, Collis Adams, Stephen Griffin-Planning and Economic Development Coordinator, Sel. Robert Wheeler.*

Goffstown continues to face the challenges of growth. Single-family residential development remains the dominant form of growth. There is also, however, demand for more affordable housing. Increasing sub-urbanization of our neighboring communities to the west and north adds to commuting traffic through Goffstown, further straining our road capacity. That increased traffic volume, in turn, attracts new commercial development along the Mast Road corridor.

The Planning Board plays two roles in addressing the Town's growth. First, and taking up most of its meeting time, the Board reviews applications for subdivision and site plan approval. This year, the Board completed substantial revisions to its subdivision and site plan regulations, in part to define more clearly the information the Board will require from applicants, and combined them into one set of development regulations, to make the regulations clearer and more concise. A major application now before the Board proposes renovations and new construction of a mixed-use development at the village mill site, following the 2002 PlanNH design charrette, which offers exciting possibilities for attracting additional activity to the village.

Second, the Board looks at long term planning issues to accommodate the Town's growth. For example, each year, the Capital Improvement Committee, a subcommittee of the planning board that includes other volunteers, prepares and the Board adopts a schedule of recommended capital improvements for the town.

The Board's major planning activity in 2003 was the adoption of the Route 114 Corridor Management Study as an amendment to the town's Master Plan. The corridor study began in 2002 as a joint project of the Planning Board and the Economic Development Council, with the assistance of members of the corridor

study committee, other town committees, including especially the Conservation Commission, and the land-use planning firm of Wilber Smith Associates. The corridor study committee set a goal of increasing non-residential property to twenty percent of Goffstown's tax base, similar to other suburban communities, and managing the growth pressures along the corridor expected over the next twenty years to protect Goffstown's village scale and rural character. Its report made a number of recommendations, particularly on how and where to focus higher density development in the corridor. The Planning Board intends to make further changes to its development regulations and to submit proposals for zoning amendments over the next several years to implement the committee's recommendations. We extend a special thanks to the many volunteers who contributed to this important plan.

As the next step in the town's long range planning, in 2004 the Planning Board will update the remainder of the Master Plan. Building on the corridor study, the Board expects that the revisions will focus on how to preserve open space in the town's rural areas, to balance the denser development expected in the Route 114 corridor. As with the corridor study, the Planning Board will look to other committees and individuals for assistance with this project.

The planning staff is available at the planning office to assist you with questions on land use and development. The Planning Board public hearings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall. We welcome your attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Raymond, *Chair*

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Goffstown, in coordinating its land related planning, development and regulation activities, is now reporting them as a single activity under the title of community development. The Planning Office, the Code Enforcement Office and the Building/Health Inspection Office are included under this heading. The citizen board and council community development participants are still listed separately, which includes the Economic Development Council, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

### PLANNING OFFICE

While 2003 was a busy one for the Planning Office; plan proposal activity dropped toward the 1999–2001 level. The following table shows the number of subdivision, site plan and conceptual plan applications submitted for Planning Board review each year:

<b>Applications Reviewed by the Planning Board</b>							
<b>Type</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Subdivision	8	16	23	21	26	37	25
Site Plan	9	12	14	17	12	14	19
Conceptual	7	13	19	15	15	31	16
Total	24	41	56	53	53	82	60
% Change	-51%	+71%	+37%	-5%	0%	+55%	-27%

These 25 subdivisions in 2003 represent 72 new building lots. Given the absorption of these lots for new homes, as evidenced by the issuance of building permits, than it may be assumed that the level of new home construction next year will also drop to approximately the 1999 level.

<b>Single Family or Duplex Building Permits Issued</b>						
<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
74	100	79	58	53	95	95

Notwithstanding this modest variation, Goffstown continues to face the challenges of growth, particularly of increased residential development. We also are experiencing additional pressures on our roadways due to the increasing suburbanization of our neighboring communities to the west and north. This nearby development results in additional commuting traffic through Goffstown.

In addition to plan reviews, the planning staff worked on a number of projects. (1) Staff focused on the Route 114/114A corridor. The Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan, undertaken by Wilber Smith Associates, was completed and adopted by the Planning Board as an amendment to Goffstown's Master Plan. The plan suggests where and in what form higher densities, mixed-use developments and non-residential uses might be concentrated, while still being developed in a manner that protects Route 114's traffic carrying capacity and Goffstown's existing village scale and rural character. (2) As follow-up to this corridor plan, a Request for Proposal and consultant selection for completion of the Master Plan Up-date in 2004 has been completed. This plan, among other things, will look at how residential pressure might be abated in the more rural areas while being more concentrated along the Route 114 corridor and in Goffstown's multiple village centers. (3) Staff, in coordination with Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc., developed surveys for the Economic Development Council's business retention program. (4) We are also developing an economic development brochure in coordination with Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. (5) We are actively working with several non-residential economic development proposals that would result in increases tax base. (6) Lastly, proposed zoning changes for the 2004 Town Meeting were developed.

The Planning office serves as staff to several boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Capital Improvements Program Committee, Economic Development Council and



Technical Review Committee. All planning work is in coordination with the Board of Selectmen and the Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.

### **ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Since the adoption of the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance at Town Meeting, March 14, 1961, various offices have performed the enforcement and interpretation of the ordinance. In 2003, Zoning Code Enforcement Officer became a separate, part-time position, resulting in additional, consistent zoning enforcement action.

Zoning enforcement includes interpretation and enforcement of the zoning ordinance, as well as the enforcement of specific approval conditions attached to a Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Board, or Historic District Commission action. The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer also serves as staff to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

### **BUILDING AND HEALTH**

Goffstown finished the year with 95 new dwelling units permitted, the same as last year. Commercial activities in 2003 were down. Hopefully, we will see an increase in commercial construction in 2004.

Our present building codes are from the BOCA codes family. The BOCA organization is no longer in existence, but merged with two other major code makers, ICBO, (International Conference of Building Officials) and SBCCI (Southern Building Code Congress International). Together they formed the International Code Council (ICC). The work of the ICC has been to draft a comprehensive set of regulations consistent with the existing model codes, the BOCA, ICBO and SBCCI. The most effective way to building safety is to have a single set of codes and standards. It eliminates confusion for engineers, architects, builders and building official, when everyone uses the same codes.

To date, forty-five states, including New Hampshire, have adopted codes from the International Code family. An article will appear in the Town warrant, therefore, for Goffstown also to adopt codes from the International Codes family.

A health matter of concern is private wells, the source of domestic drinking water for the majority of new homes being built in Goffstown. Findings by the U.S. Geological Survey from their recent survey of private drinking-water wells in Hillsborough, Strafford, and Rockingham Counties indicated that a significant percentage (approximately 15-20%) of these wells contained arsenic at levels exceeding maximum U.S. Environmental Protection Agency contaminant levels standards. New Hampshire, however, has no regulated standard. The Town requires a well water test showing a zero bacteria count prior to a Certificate of Occupancy being issued.

The State Water Supply Engineering Bureau notes that New Hampshire's geology contains naturally occurring radioactive elements that dissolve easily in the water. They recommend that wells should be tested by a Standard Analysis for arsenic, bacteria, chloride, copper, fluoride, hardness, irons, lead, manganese, nitrate/nitride, PH and sodium every three to five years, and by a Radiological Analysis for radon, uranium and analytical gross alpha (VOCs) every 5 to 10

years. For more information check the State web site at [www.des.state.nh.us/wseb](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wseb)

### PERMIT AND FEE REVENUE

Permit / Fee Source	2001		2002		2003	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
New 1 and 2-Family Units	53	32,181	95	59,362	95	57,847
Misc. Buildings Permits	3855	21,602	529	20,108	733	25,156
New Commercial Permits	11	2,1129	12	17,062	12	4,596
Misc. Commercial Permits	55	8,118	21	14,587	27	2,823
Child Care Inspection	8	250	7	275	3	120
Health Inspection	12	0	21	0	5	0
Junkyard Inspection	1	25	1	25	3	225
Mobile Home Inspection	2	200	2	200	2	200
Sign Permits	21	580	55	1,115	49	720
ZBA Applications	51	2,881	83	5,042	49	4,897
Planning Board Applications	-	-	-	-	-	57,057
Misc. Fees / Sales	-	776	-	480	-	1,263
TOTALS		87,742		118,256		154,904

### PERMIT AND FEE REVENUE

Permit / Fee Source	2001		2002		2003	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
School Impact Fees	-	-	29	108,593	91	322,225
Road Impact Fees	-	-	28	3,076	89	9,350
Recreational Impact Fees	-	-	-	0	-	0
TOTALS	-	-	-	\$111,669	-	\$331,575

Respectfully submitted,  
 Stephen B. Griffin, AICP, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator



*LAND USE OFFICE (L-R): Marilyn Hozeny, Ed Neveu, Susan Soule, Derek Horne, Ron Mace, Mary Lavallee, Patty Gale, Stephen Griffin*

## POLICE

The police department provides the initial primary response in most emergency situations on a full time 24-hour basis. The department handled 15,665 calls for service during 2003. There were 2,678 criminal and motor vehicle arrests, an average of 7.3 per day. A listing of the more significant categories of calls and arrests can be found at the end of this report.

Several time consuming and intense cases were investigated during the year requiring the dedication of significant personnel and financial resources. One attempted homicide was investigated which led to an arrest. Sexual assaults showed a 39% increase. Narcotics complaints increased from 80 in 2002 to 88 in 2003. Unfortunately, drug cases on school property increased from 12 in 2002 to 20 in 2003. Abuse/Neglect investigations increased from 32 in 2002 to 43 in 2003. These cases required time to develop, a coordinated effort among a number of agencies, and were brought to successful conclusions.

Despite the diligent efforts of the patrol division to follow through on an established division goal, traffic crashes increased from 601 in 2002 to 693 in 2003. Fortunately crashes with personal injury dropped from 81 to 68. We will continue to target the aggressive driver in our attempt to keep the roadways of Goffstown safe for all.





**PERSONNEL:** There were a number of personnel changes that occurred in 2003. Captain Donald Davidson retired after 27 years of service to accept his new position as Head of Security for St. Anselm College. Lieutenant Glenn DuBois was promoted to Captain and assumes the Executive Officer function. Sergeant Michael Sullivan was promoted to Lieutenant and will lead the Uniform Division as Patrol Commander.

In November we welcomed back Officer Chuck Nickerson. Officer Nickerson had been actively deployed to military service since September 2001. He spent time overseas and at Hanscom Air Force base before returning to Goffstown.

Officers Jason Hull and Brian O'Leary who graduated from the New Hampshire Police Standards & Training Academy in November filled vacancies in the sworn classification. Officers Timothy Chabot, Matthew Barber and Jason Ouellette are currently enrolled in the academy and will be graduating in the spring of 2004. In Communications, Ashley Pepelis transferred from Records to fill a Communications Specialist vacancy.

**PROGRAMS:** The department continued its community policing initiatives, using a problem-solving model in a cooperative effort with individuals, neighborhood groups, schools, and town departments, and community groups in an effort to deter and prevent incidents before they occur.

Due to significant staffing concerns the difficult decision was made to suspend the D.A.R.E. Program. It is hoped that when staffing returns to normal that this valuable educational program can return to the Middle School.

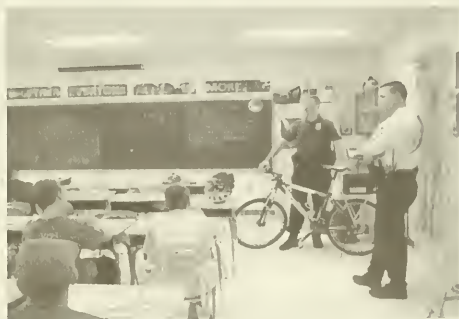
Under the direction of our Accreditation Manager Sergeant Susan J. LeBel, the department had another successful on-site by assessors from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. In July the Commission awarded the department its third re-accreditation award.

In its fifth year, the volunteer program has again been instrumental in assisting the department in the day-to-day delivery of service and special projects. Volunteers assist the department by answering the business phone lines, filing, property management and court witness liaison. Special projects included town celebrations, child fingerprinting programs and Halloween Safety Day. The department facilitated another successful Halloween Safety Day and a Public Safety Day at Hannaford's on Mast Road. The Public Safety Day gave citizens the opportunity to see demonstrations by Police, Fire and Public Works personnel and equipment, and the State Police K-9 Division. More of these awareness programs are planned for the future. The Police Association and area merchants donated towards the purchase of "Glow Sticks" that were distributed during Trick or Treating on Halloween night. Officers and other department personnel volunteered their time to patrol the streets and handout glow sticks and candy.

Officer David Rivard continues as a certified Child Safety Seat Inspector. In the spring a safety seat checkpoint was held at Hannaford's. A total of 38 seats were checked during the day. Unfortunately, several did not pass



inspection, due to poor condition or size. Inspections are available by contacting Officer Rivard.



**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Communications Center serves as a Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch for the Town. In addition, we provide after hours communications for the Goffstown Water Department and the Department of Public Works.

Also, on a contractual basis, we provide Emergency Services Dispatching for the towns of New Boston and Weare. Goffstown realizes approximately \$44,190 in annual revenue from these contracts. Eight communications specialists and one supervisor provide coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to staff the Center. Over 20,000 calls for service are communicated from this division each year, along with 80,000 telephone calls and 540,000 radio transmissions.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:** The Police Department also handles the Emergency Management function for the Town of Goffstown. Our mission is to prepare for and coordinate the town's emergency readiness and response capabilities in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Ongoing information gathering and training is being conducted to ensure that Goffstown remains prepared to deal with any unusual occurrences.

During this past year we conducted drills and exercises with some of the schools and the Greg Falls Dam. In September eight citizens completed the initial Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in cooperation with the NH Office of Emergency Management. This initiative is designed to provide citizens with initial training to assist emergency response providers in the wake of a natural or man-made disaster and during recovery stages.

Through the efforts of the Emergency Management function Goffstown received \$8,197 in reimbursement for completion of the three projects identified in our plan for 2003.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS:** In 2004, the Department hopes to hold another Citizen Police Academy. This academy is designed to give citizens a look at the service provided and the requirements of a law enforcement agency. Additional information is available by contacting Officer Rob Browne or Team Leader Lisa Sturgill.

We will strive to continue to reduce the opportunity for our young people to have access to controlled substances or alcohol, and continue to reduce traffic crashes and injuries through a consistent effort to target the aggressive driver in a firm, but fair, approach to enforcement activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the men and women of the Goffstown Police Department for their hard work and dedication this past year. It is their dedication and professionalism, along with your cooperation and support that makes Goffstown a great place to live. We will consistently strive to enhance our efforts and abilities to keep our community as safe as possible. With your continued help we will continue to meet these expectations.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael T. French, Chief of Police

Visit the Police Department's web page at the Town of Goffstown's Website for program posting and services. [www.goffstown.com](http://www.goffstown.com)

<b>CRIMES AGAINST PERSON</b>	
Abuse/Neglect	43
Alcohol	216
Intoxication	77
Assaults (includes Safe School Acts)	219
Criminal Threats (includes Safe School Acts)	116
Domestic Violence	116
Domestic Violence Petitions	69
Harassment (noise complaints, disorderly conduct, fights, etc)	348
Homicide	0
Attempted Homicide	1
Sex Offenses (includes sexual assaults, and sex offender	33
Juvenile Offenses (includes runaways, tobacco possession, truancy,	226
Drug Offenses	88
Safe School Act – Drug Offenses	20
Robbery	1
<b>TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS</b>	<b>1,573</b>

<b>CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER</b>	
Alarms	767
Animal Complaints	380
Arson	5
Burglary	31
Courtesy Calls (includes bad checks, credit card, fraud,	59
Hazards (includes power outages, tress & wires down, etc)	162
Larceny	332

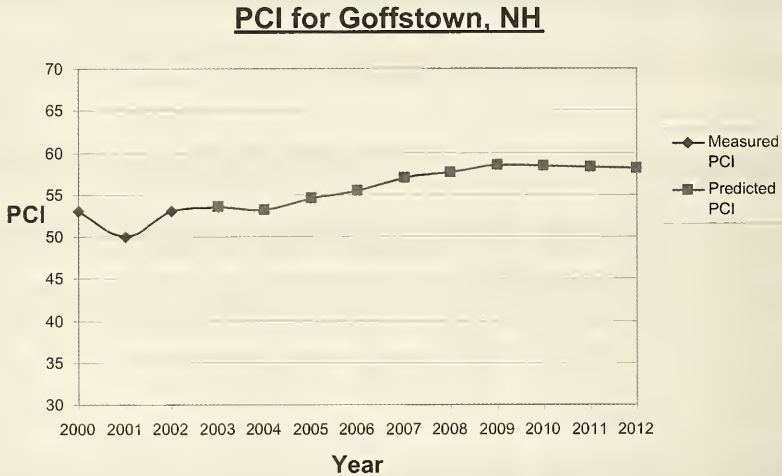
Motor Vehicle Thefts	12
Mutual Aid	285
Operations	1,161
Property [Lost/Found]	231
Suspicious Persons	165
Suspicious Vehicles	179
<b>TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY – OTHER</b>	<b>6,118</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>	
Adult	<b>581</b>
Juvenile	<b>143</b>
<b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>	<b>724</b>

<b>MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES</b>	
Driving Under the Influence (DWI)	107
Speed	1,791
Driving After Suspension/Revocation	56
Motor Vehicle Activity (includes m/v hazards, disabled and	1,070
Motor Vehicle Accidents	693
Accidents with injury	68
<b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY</b>	<b>7,400</b>
<b>TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2003</b>	<b>15,665</b>

## PUBLIC WORKS

Our work continued in 2003 with the Infrastructure Management Plan. This year we completed reclamation projects on Gorham Pond Road and East Dunbarton Road. We did not get Hoyt Road completed but the funds will be carried over into next spring to get the work done then. We also got a lot of paving completed this past year. Several letters to the editor lead me to believe that there are some residents who do not understand the philosophy of the roadway maintenance plan. It is even more important to keep roads that have not deteriorated too badly in good shape. It is a much better investment to overlay a good road and extend its life for 7-10 more years than to let it deteriorate to the point that it requires major investment. From the beginning, a considerable portion of the road budget was planned for maintaining the good roads. As such, we overlaid portions of South Mast, Wallace Road, Henry Bridge Road, Knollcrest neighborhood, Plummer Street, Daniel Plummer Road, Lamy Drive and Goffstown Back Road. We also did shims on Bog Road, Mountain Road and Tirrell Hill Road to buy us time until we can get around to reconstruction. Overall the first two years of the road plan have been beneficial. The graph

below shows the actual average condition (PCI=Pavement Condition Index which is measured in the field and entered into the computer) of the road network in Goffstown which has improved based on the past two years work. The projected line is generated by the computer model assuming we continue with the funding levels proposed in the Infrastructure Management Plan (or Road Plan).



We got our Stormwater Management Plan and Notice of Intent to follow the terms of the EPA General Permit filed on time this summer. Some of you may have also seen copies of Public Works newsletters. We issued a spring and winter newsletter that we hope to continue in the future. This year we began an Adopt-A-Spot Program. Over the course of the year we also responded to 956 work requests. These are all entered into the computer, prioritized by severity and completed. Of the 956 requests received all but 61 have been scheduled or resolved.

We also completed many other projects around town. The Main Street Bridge Project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. We completed a portion of sidewalk replacement along South Mast Street. We worked on traffic signal upgrades as well as numerous drainage problems around town. We did a substantial amount of crack sealing which is also an integral part of the overall road maintenance plan. This summer we experienced an inordinate amount of rainfall, which lead to some drainage failures at the landfill. We completed repairs to remain in compliance with state solid waste rules and protect the investment that the town made in the ball fields. This was the first year that the new ball fields were used and it was great to see kids down there all summer and fall.



The last note of interest for Public Works is the retirement of two of our long-term employees. Lucien Gagnon and his brother Leon Gagnon both retired in January of 2004. Lucien was with the department for 35 years and Leon worked for the town for 32 years. Their long-term experience will be sorely missed but we certainly wish them well for their future retirements.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carl L. Quiram, PE.  
Director of Public Works

## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE



*L-R: Tom Fatcheric, Env. Proj. Mgr., Kilton Barnard, Tom Lee, Fred Plett, Frank Leffman, Sel. John Sarette, Eugene Haselton, I. Richard Schaffner, Jr.*

It was an active year for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). Membership constituency was modified to include volunteers Tom Lee and Fred Plett. John Sarette became the new Selectman Representative to SWAC as well, while Frank Leffman assumed the Chairmanship, succeeding Eugene Haselton who remains on the committee. The committee continues to search for other volunteers. (*Volunteers may apply at Town Hall where a description of duties is available for review.*)

A strong promotion to increase recycling was begun early in 2003 with presentations to the Board of Selectmen, appearances on various television shows on GTV 16, newspaper articles and through the publication of recycling flyers. The flyers were distributed at the weigh scale at the Transfer Station as well as during Old Home Day. Also, these flyers were affixed to each 65 Gallon green trash tote to help inform the citizenry of the need to remove recycled materials from the waste stream. In addition, a recycling survey was conducted on the Goffstown website and by handout questionnaires.

The result of the survey showed recycling topping out at a little less than 20% of the waste stream. Annual cost increases of about 5% combined with less than satisfactory recycling pickup services, the SWAC is proposing a new method of recycling, a single stream method using a 65 gallon tote similar to the trash tote but in a distinctive color. The new method will save about \$100,000 per year in operating costs with savings increasing over time, and may encourage additional recycling since the new method requires no bagging, separation, or other work, and allows more types of recyclables than the existing program. Although there are startup capital costs, these will be funded by a bond.

Several hard decisions had to be made during the year and among them was the closure of the Treasure Trailer. A combination of factors influenced this decision including staffing, space, electronics storage and disposal and "dumping" issues. The SWAC is aware of the value the Treasure Trailer brought to members of the community and is seeking solutions for the forthcoming year.

Over the summer the SWAC approved and proposed a glass reuse pilot program to the Select Board. The pilot program, which is sponsored by the NRRA and was approved by the BOS, allowed the Transfer Station to accept mixed glass from neighboring communities. The goal is to provide a cost effective and useful way to recycle glass. Accumulated glass will be ground into a fine aggregate to be used by Public Works to enhance drainage characteristics of fill materials. Under the program the Transfer Station is reimbursed for operating costs and Public Works gets 400-450 tons of free drainage material.

Annual statistics: Residents generated close to 6100 tons of trash in 2003, additionally about 1300 tons of recycling was collected at the curb. Trash tonnage increased by 5% from the previous year, while recycling tonnage increased by 8.5% over the same period. Waste Management was penalized \$17,350 over the course of 2003 for failure to collect recyclables properly placed at the curb.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Leffman, Chair

## SOUTHERN N. H. PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. A professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants, who are selected for their specialized skills or services, provides technical assistance. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning and Economic Development Coordinator and/or the Town Administrator. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

- Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series. Goffstown officials attended these meetings:

- Conducted traffic counts at thirty-six (36) locations in Goffstown. Data was forwarded to the Planning & Economic Development Coordinator.

- Employment Projections for the town, broken down by small areas (or traffic zones), were forwarded to the Planning Department.

- Forwarded to the Planning Department a copy of the *Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*.

- Provided the Goffstown Conservation Commission a set of documents pertaining to New Hampshire's Wetlands and Shore lands workshop.

- Provided a videotape of the Workforce Housing Conference organized by the Commission.

- A Commission staff member made a PowerPoint presentation at the Planning Board meeting regarding the Piscataquog River Management Plan.

- Provided a videotape of the discussion on the decision of the US Supreme Court on Tahoe Sierra Preservation Council Inc., et al. vs. Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, et al.

- Completed a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the town. The plan in the draft form has met all the requirements of FEMA and has been approved by that agency.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission are:

Arthur W. Rose, Robert L. Wheeler, Executive Committee Member,  
Barbara J. Griffin, Alternate



## SUPPORT SERVICES

This office holds three major areas of responsibility: Facilities Management, administration of the General Assistance program and Special Projects Management.

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:** The Assistant Town Administrator is charged with managing both the Goffstown and Grasmere Town Halls. Renovation and planning work continues at Goffstown Town Hall's permanent records storage area where reorganization has moved forward steadily. We continue to review stored records and discard material that no longer needs to be kept. As the departments begin their annual cycle of purging stored records that have expired per State law and storing current records we are beginning to determine more accurately our storage space requirements.

The Town of Goffstown was awarded a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources for developing architectural plans and construction cost estimates for the addition to and renovation of the Grasmere Town Hall. Weller & Michal, Architects, Inc. of Keene, NH has been hired to design the addition and develop construction cost documents. Work is in progress and final design and related documents should be completed by June 1, 2004.

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE:** The Town of Goffstown, along with the other municipalities in New Hampshire, has the responsibility of relieving and maintaining any persons in town who are poor and unable to support themselves. Assistance with the necessities of life is provided through a voucher system and eligibility is determined according to guidelines established by the Board of Selectmen. This community is truly fortunate in having a large number of individuals, organizations and businesses that help in this effort. The groups that regularly assist their fellow townspeople include Goffstown Salvation Army, Goffstown Network, St. Joseph Community Center, Vestree Shop, Goffstown Outreach Program, Clergy Association, Lions Club and St. Matthew's Outreach program.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS:** The administration office is working with IT director in exploring alternative methods of long term storage and ready record retrieval systems that are currently on the market in order to make the town's storage of records more cost effective. We are investigating a universal filing system for use at the town offices and the Assistant Administrator's office is exploring grant opportunities to help with the construction phase of the Grasmere Town Hall project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Bingham, Assistant Town Administrator



## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE



*Standing L-R: Renee Millson, Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk, Felice Dandurand,  
Seated L-R: Gail Lavallee, Jean Mayberry, Treasurer, Karen Leclerc*

2003 has once again been a very busy year. Goffstown continues to grow. We have seen many new residents moving in to our beautiful town. Revenues and automobile registrations continue to rise. The mail-in registration program continues to work well. Currently, the mail-in response rate is approximately 36%. While you are still welcome to renew in person, we hope that you will consider taking advantage of the renewal program. Renewal notices are sent out by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to your registration expiration. Registrations are processed in the order in which they are received. If you wish to receive your decals from us, you must pay the \$2.50 processing fee. If you deduct this fee from the amount shown on your mail-in renewal form, you will have to finish your renewal registration at a State Motor Vehicle office. Approximately 5% of the mail-ins are being returned due to people who have moved. Please be sure to read the instructions on the notice carefully. You must send two checks and a self-addressed stamped envelope. There were approximately 760 people who failed to send a self-addressed stamped envelope. This impacted our budget with additional postage expense of nearly \$300. The State does not allow mail-in forms to be forwarded so please remember to change your address even if you are moving within the town of Goffstown.

We added a new service in 2004. Staff was trained and we began doing boat registrations at the beginning of the year. Please bring your state renewal form

and your driver's license. This means additional revenue for the Town that is currently going to the State.

The Town Clerk's office is regulated by many RSAs as well as the State Administrative Rules. The policies we have established are not done to inconvenience you but are for your protection. We will no longer renew a motor vehicle registration unless you have your previous registration or the mail-in renewal form. If you are a new resident, you must bring proof of residency with you and you must bring your previous registration.

The following is a list of town meetings and elections for the year 2004:

- January 27, 2004 – Presidential Primary
- February 2, 2004 – School Ballot Determination Meeting
- February 4, 2004 – Town Ballot Determination Meeting
- March 9, 2004 – Town and School Election
- September 14, 2004 – NH State Primary Election
- November 2, 2004 – NH General Election

Residents may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. Residents may also register to vote when the Checklist Supervisors are in session. These sessions are posted and notice given in the *Goffstown News*. Residents may also register to vote on election day at the appropriate polling district. Proof of residency is required in the form of a photo identification, such as a New Hampshire driver's license, with the Goffstown address imprinted on it. Without such imprinted address, a second proof of residency will be required (i.e. – utility bill, lease agreement). Please remember to complete address change forms (available in the Town Clerk's office) even if you move within the Town of Goffstown. Your polling location may be affected by your move. Goffstown has two voting districts.

District 1 - Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown: Includes those residents living in the Goffstown Village area and the Grasmere area (from Route 114/114A intersection westerly to the Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton town lines including residents on the east side of the Piscataquog River).

District 5 – Bartlett Elementary School, 689 Mast Road, Pinardville: Includes residents from the Route 114/114A intersection to the Piscataquog River and easterly to the Manchester line.

Residents are reminded that State law mandates that all dogs over the age of four (4) months must be licensed annually. Dog licenses are effective May 1 to April 30 regardless of when the license is issued. Failure to comply results in a penalty of \$1.00 per month after May 31<sup>st</sup> and you may be subject to a \$25.00 unlicensed dog fine. A puppy needs to be registered as soon as it receives its first rabies shot. Dog registration fees are \$6.50 for a spayed/neutered animal; if they have not been neutered the fee is \$9.00. Residents must present a current rabies certificate and certificate of neutering (if applicable) in order for the Town Clerk to process a dog license.

You may renew your dog's registration via mail. You must send a copy of the rabies certificate showing the rabies expiration date and tag number.

Rosemary Garretson has gone through extensive municipal agent training

and is now working part-time in the Town Clerk's office on Wednesday mornings and covering as needed. Rosemary is still also generously volunteering her time in the Town Hall. She has been keeping our automobile registration filing current. Her time and services are greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the election workers, Checklist Supervisors, Jerry Agate of SAU 19, and the employees at the Public Works and Police Departments for all their hard work during election time. Their help is invaluable and makes my job so much easier.

We have a wonderful team in the Town Clerk's office, and we are here to help you in any way we can. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Bergeron, Town Clerk

### REVENUE COMPARISON

	2002		2003	
	Quantity	\$	Quantity	\$
<b>Motor Vehicle Permits:</b>				
Automobiles	18,870	\$2,200,385.50	19,586	\$2,387,787.78
Municipal Agent Fees	17,426	\$43,565.00	18,361	\$46,015.00
Title Fees (CTA's)	3,543	\$7,004.00	3,945	\$7,902.00
Mail-In Fees	Jan-Dec.	\$12,219.00		\$13,762.00
<b>Protested Checks</b>	30	\$960.00	38	\$1,184.00
<b>Dog Licenses</b>				
Fines	34	\$1,125.00	24	\$725.00
Licenses *	1,239	\$8,704.50	1,223	\$8,589.50
<b>Filing Fees</b>				
Articles of Agree.		\$40.00	4	\$20.00
Game Licenses		\$900.00	15	\$966.00
Pole Licenses		\$90.00	23	\$230.00
Filing Fees		\$107.00	35	\$465.00
Candidate Filings		\$26.00	7	\$7.00
UCCs	353	\$5,264.00	274	\$4,091.00
<b>Vital Records:</b>				
Birth Certificates *	198	\$2,308.00	195	\$2,220.00
Death Certificates *	430	\$3,820.00	408	\$3,780.00
Marriage Licenses *	104	\$4,680.00	87	\$3,915.00
Marriage Certificates *	172	\$1,840.00	161	\$1,744.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>		\$356.01		\$588.66
<b>Amount Remitted</b>				
<b>to Treasurer:</b>		\$2,293,394.01		\$2,483,991.94

\* Revenues prior to payments to the State of New Hampshire



## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



*Seated L-R: Marie Boyle, Chairman Tony Marts, Denise Renk,  
Standing L-R: Henry Grady, Derek Horne, Gossett McRae.*

The New Hampshire legislature requires that every zoning ordinance adopted by a local legislative body shall include provisions for the establishment of a zoning board of adjustment. Consequently, when Goffstown adopted its zoning ordinance at Town Meeting, March 14, 1961, the ordinance included provisions for a zoning board of adjustment. Since its inception, the Goffstown Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has acted as an interpreter of the ordinance, as well as a safety valve against overly strict application of the ordinance. The ZBA hears requests for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and appeals from decisions based on interpretation of the ordinance, made by administration, the Planning Board, and/or the Historic District Commission.

The ZBA thus acts in a “quasi-judicial” capacity, affording some flexibility from the provisions of the ordinance. Its work is non-political and in most instances their decisions are as final as a court opinion. Appeals from ZBA decisions are taken directly to the New Hampshire Superior Courts. As New Hampshire has grown, and that growth has begun to affect Goffstown, land use and growth issues have become more complex and parties have more often resorted to litigation to press their agendas for or against specific projects and growth in general. Apart from the Master Plan, Goffstown has no clear policy on growth. Thus the ZBA is in the position of attempting to apply the zoning



ordinance as applicable state law allows, while balancing the perceived needs of and impacts on the community with the rights of landowners.

Variances are granted or denied based on five State mandated criteria for approval. Those standards require a finding by the ZBA that the proposed variance (1) will not diminish surrounding property values, (2) would benefit the public, (3) would not result in unnecessary hardship to the owner, (4) would result in substantial justice being done, and (5) would not be contrary to the spirit of the zoning ordinance. These determinations must be made based on objective facts and evidence presented to the ZBA. These standards are intended to balance the right of landowners to use and enjoy their property, against the rights of both neighbors and the public at large. This balance is not an easy one as our community grows and diversifies. Special exceptions are subject to less stringent standards and findings for approval since, in those cases, the Zoning Ordinance has already recognized possible special exception uses as likely in the areas affected.

Mike Pelletier, a member of the ZBA for the past year and a half, is taking a leave from his service on the ZBA in order to take up another important community and national service. Mike was called up as a member of the 197<sup>th</sup> NH Army Guard unit in January 2003. He expects to serve in the Middle East for up to 18 months with his unit. Our thanks and prayers go with Mike for his service. And our support for his family continues in our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tony Marts, Chair

## OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

### SEWER COMMISSION



*L-R*

*seated:*

*Steve Crean, Jim Bouchard, Paul LaPerle. L-R standing: Administrative Assistant, Marilyn Hozeny, Selectman John Sarette, Mike Yergeau.*

This past year thirty-four new properties were added to the municipal wastewater system. The majority of these connections resulted from last year's Knollcrest Sewer Project. The total number of properties serviced by municipal wastewater is presently 1,946.

Several large conceptual plans were presented to the Commission for review - rehabilitation of the Village mill buildings and a housing project. The Commission approved applications for the connection of an eleven-lot subdivision; five duplex units; Tire Warehouse and several single family homes.

As the Town continues to grow so too does the demand for municipal wastewater service. The Commission is constantly working to improve the performance of the wastewater system through a yearly maintenance program. Inflow and infiltration however are two major problems that plague our system today. To correct these problems the Commission recently awarded a contract to Flow Assessments Services to study one particular area. Additional studies, in other areas of Town, will be required before a long range plan can be implemented by both the Commission and the Department of Public Works.

The Facility Plan, which targets specific areas lying along the Piscataquog River and Glen Lake for wastewater service, is still being used as a guideline by the Commission. Along with the Facility Plan the Commission will also be meeting with the Economic Development Council to estimate flow that would be required for the commercial/industrial growth along the Route 114 Corridor.

The Sewer Commission was created in 1956 and is comprised of a three member elected board whose function is to administer and maintain the municipal wastewater system. Public meetings are held the second Tuesday of

each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall. Individuals requesting to be on the agenda should contact the Sewer office to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bouchard, Chairman

	2003 BUDGET	2003 ACTUAL*	2004 BUDGET
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
SALARIES/BENEFITS	58,127.00	59,546.22	63,778.00
EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	500.00	40.00	200.00
AUDIT	2,700.00	2,700.00	5,700.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000.00	1,343.94	10,000.00
CONTRACTED SVCS (ADMIN)	4,469.00	4,476.36	5,568.00
INSURANCE	7,270.00	2,571.91	8,037.00
POSTAGE	3,700.00	3,443.82	3,700.00
SUPPLIES	1,416.00	952.70	1,416.00
COMPUTER	5,900.00	900.00	2,143.00
TELECOMMUNICATION	1,000.00	999.96	1,608.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
INTEREST	195,830.00	195,645.16	166,163.00
PRINCIPLE	495,000.00	495,000.00	490,000.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>787,912.00</b>	<b>768,870.46</b>	<b>760,313.00</b>
<b>SEWER OPERATIONS</b>			
CONTRACT SVCS (DPW)	35,000.00	29,484.43	93,500.00
SEWER PROJECT	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT/REPAIR			46,000.00
PERSONNEL EQUIP	2,000.00	0.00	3,600.00
MNTNCE SUPPLY/EQUIP	489,358.00	19,840.61	682,799.00
MNTNCE/LABOR (VAC)	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
SEWER OPERATION (O&M)	512,367.00	473,492.80	442,270.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>1,063,725.00</b>	<b>542,817.84</b>	<b>1,273,169.00</b>
<b>SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION</b>			
CONTRACTED SERVICES	4,700.00	2,499.00	5,000.00
SUPPLIES	10,000.00	1,553.88	11,200.00
ELECTRICITY	19,000.00	15,263.82	19,000.00
PROPANE GAS	2,100.00	411.23	1,818.00
WATER	500.00	324.09	500.00
TELEPHONE ALARM SYS	3,400.00	2,007.69	4,000.00
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL			6,000.00
CHEMICALS	500.00	151.76	1,000.00
DIESEL FUEL	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
PUMP REPAIRS	15,000.00	6,224.20	20,000.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>59,200.00</b>	<b>29,435.15</b>	<b>72,518.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,910,837.00</b>	<b>1,341,123.97</b>	<b>2,106,000.00</b>

## GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT



*Standing L-R: Raymond Taber; Clerk Linda Reynolds-Naughton; Lee Minnich; Richard Coughlin. Seated L-R: Chair Allen Gamans; Henry Boyle.*

In 2003 we had several activities leading to repairs, extensions or upgrades to the distribution system that includes several components over 100 years old.

About 1,800' of water main was replaced on Gorham Pond Road. The main at Pinecrest was reset due to freezing, and new service was provided to over 30 new homes at Mt. Laurel Estates. A water extension was made off Knollcrest Road to the Sudeka area and we were involved in changes at the Summer/North Mast intersection. Several smaller main and service breaks were encountered during the year, and some commercial meter replacement work was completed.

We had two near disasters to cope with. The first was a 6" pipe at the new treatment facility at the wells that burst causing damage to the building, some equipment, and the soil grade in the immediate area. The second was a furnace problem at the reservoir filter plant that filled the building with oily fumes and caused the water in the 110,000 gallon clear well holding tank to develop a bad taste and smell. Both received immediate attention including pumping out the clear well and thoroughly cleaning it.

Our budget for 2004 includes some additional monitoring devices to detect problems as early as possible along with normal service work and some extensions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen D. Gamans, Jr., Chair



## **GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT 2004 ANNUAL WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Town Hall in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 15, 2004, at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following articles:

### **ARTICLE I**

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

### **ARTICLE II**

To elect one(1) member to the Board of Commissioners for a term of five(5) years.

### **ARTICLE III**

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Two Dollars for the ensuing year.

### **ARTICLE IV**

To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the Board of Water Commissioners the right to borrow in excess of One Thousand Dollars(\$1000.00) due to any emergency that might arise.

### **ARTICLE V**

To hear the reports of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

### **ARTICLE VI**

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 13th day of January 2004.

Richard Coughlin, 2007  
Richard Fletcher, 2004  
Henry Boyle, 2008

Raymond Taber, 2006  
Allen Gamans, Jr., 2005

## REVENUE

	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2003</u> Unaudited	<u>2004 Budget</u>
<b><u>WATER CHARGE</u></b>	<b>\$455,445.00</b>	<b>\$451,958.10</b>	<b>\$455,445.00</b>
Meter Water	306000.00	303715.86	306000.00
Flat Rate	100000.00	98797.24	100000.00
Hydrant Rental	49445.00	49445.00	49445.00
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>	<b>\$46,780.00</b>	<b>\$101,757.09</b>	<b>\$61,490.00</b>
Booster Station	4500.00	4009.05	4500.00
Thawing	0.00	462.50	350.00
Forestry	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hyd Repair	2900.00	5487.65	2900.00
New Services	6300.00	32950.00	9000.00
On/ Off	300.00	300.00	300.00
Service Repair	2000.00	11299.26	2000.00
Meter Repair	40.00	40.00	40.00
Ins. Refund	200.00	4229.45	200.00
Mtn Laurel H2O	2500.00	7715.79	14300.00
Engineering	1000.00	0.00	1000.00
Mtn Laurel Septic	6600.00	14637.50	26400.00
Bond Int.ref.	19940.00	19940.00	0.00
Pools	300.00	672.00	300.00
Supplies	200.00	13.89	200.00
<b><u>SAVING INTEREST</u></b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>	<b>\$5,816.36</b>	<b>\$8,000.00</b>
<b><u>SHARED REVENUE</u></b>	<b>\$30,208.00</b>	<b>\$30,208.50</b>	<b>\$29,263.00</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$540,433.00</b>	<b>\$589,739.96</b>	<b>\$554,198.00</b>
<b><u>Savings Transfer</u></b>	<b>\$34,919.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$46,184.00</b>
<b><u>Cap Res Veh. Fund</u></b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$575,352.00</b>	<b>\$589,739.96</b>	<b>\$615,382.00</b>

## EXPENDITURES

	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>YTD 2003</u> Unaudited	<u>2004 Budget</u>
<b><u>4130 EXECUTIVE</u></b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$82,210</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>
Salaries	\$85,000	\$82,210	\$88,000
<b><u>4150 FIN.ADM.</u></b>	<b>\$4,910</b>	<b>\$3,683</b>	<b>\$4,910</b>
Audit	\$1,500	\$1,400	\$1,500
Bus. Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,971	\$2,000
Office Equip.	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Personnel Supp.	\$350	\$252	\$350

Safe Box	\$60	\$60	\$60
<b><u>4155 PERSONNEL ADM.</u></b>	<b>\$36,372</b>	<b>\$36,435</b>	<b>\$38,647</b>
Fica	\$6,510	\$6,297	\$6,732
Health Ins.	\$26,432	\$26,439	\$27,185
W/C Ins.	\$1,500	\$849	\$1,200
Retir. fund	\$1,900	\$2,850	\$3,500
Unemp. Ins.	\$30	\$0	\$30
<b><u>4194 BUILDING MAINT.</u></b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Office Repairs	\$1,000	\$0	\$200
Fitr. bldg	\$0	\$0	\$200
Well Bldg.	\$0	\$0	\$300
Tank	\$0	\$0	\$300
<b><u>4196 INSURANCE</u></b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$2,844</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
Liab./Prop. Veh.	\$3,000	\$2,644	\$3,000
Bond Ins.	\$200	\$200	\$200
<b><u>4153 LEGAL</u></b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b><u>4197 ADV/REG.ASSOC.</u></b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$973</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
Advertising	\$800	\$198	\$800
Assns Fees	\$250	\$320	\$250
License Fees	\$250	\$400	\$250
Meeting Exp.	\$200	\$55	\$200
<b><u>4199 OTHER</u></b>			
<b><u>GEN.GOV'T.</u></b>	<b>\$16,800</b>	<b>\$16,976</b>	<b>\$17,700</b>
Vehicle Exp.	\$2,000	\$2,704	\$2,000
Rent	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$7,000
Tel/Comm.	\$4,000	\$4,170	\$4,200
Postage	\$2,400	\$2,763	\$2,700
Forestry	\$0	\$495	\$0
Eng.	\$800	\$0	\$800
Comp. Support	\$1,000	\$244	\$1,000
<b><u>4332 WATER SERVICES</u></b>	<b>\$28,200</b>	<b>\$62,212</b>	<b>\$28,500</b>
Contract Labor	\$6,000	\$6,445	\$6,000
Hydrant Repairs	\$3,000	\$5,473	\$3,000
Dam Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$500
Service Repairs	\$5,000	\$17,748	\$5,000
New Services	\$3,000	\$8,503	\$2,000
Main Repairs	\$10,000	\$22,511	\$10,000
Meter Repairs	\$200	\$0	\$200
Pump Repairs	\$500	\$650	\$500
Equip Repairs	\$500	\$376	\$500
Road Repairs	\$0	\$0	\$500
Thawing	\$0	\$506	\$300

**4335 WATER****TREATMENT**

	<b>\$52,350</b>	<b>\$50,965</b>	<b>\$55,700</b>
Chemicals	\$11,600	\$4,670	\$10,000
Elec.	\$19,900	\$20,870	\$21,700
Heat	\$2,000	\$2,306	\$2,000
Glenview	\$4,000	\$2,815	\$3,000
Supplies	\$3,000	\$2,362	\$3,000
Water Tests	\$4,000	\$2,359	\$4,000
Mt. Laurel Water	\$7,850	\$13,313	\$12,000

**4326 SEWAGE**

	<b>\$2,500</b>	<b>\$2,083</b>	<b>\$13,050</b>
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**4711 & 4721 DEBT SERV.**

	<b>\$157,985</b>	<b>\$157,985</b>	<b>\$151,025</b>
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#1Bond-Princ.	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
#2Bond princ.	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
#1Bond interest	\$5,715	\$5,715	\$1,905
#2Bond interest	\$42,270	\$42,270	\$39,120

**CAPITAL OUTLAY****4901 Land & Improve.**

	<b>\$161,735</b>	<b>\$148,329</b>	<b>\$165,000</b>
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Conting. Fund	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Cap. Replace.	\$10,000	\$6,594	\$10,000
Upgrade mains/sys	\$141,735	\$141,735	\$145,000

**4901Mach./Equip.**

	<b>\$17,300</b>	<b>\$2,242</b>	<b>\$32,300</b>
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House Meters	\$6,300	\$1,835	\$4,300
New Equip.	\$3,000	\$407	\$3,000
New Hydrants	\$8,000	\$0	\$0
new Vehicle			\$25,000

**Operating Tranfers Out****4914To Proprietary Fund**

	<b>\$12,003</b>
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**4915 To Cap. Res. Fund**

	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$10,800</b>	<b>\$13,350</b>
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Mtn Laurel septic		\$5,800	\$13,350
Vehicle	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$572,852</b>	<b>\$589,740</b>	<b>\$615,382</b>



## GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT



*Seated L-R: Alice Rohr, Diane Rand, Theodore Rohr,  
Standing L-R: William Swanson, Arthur Rose*

This past year has been a quiet one for the Grasmere Village Water Precinct. We have managed to get through the year without any major breaks in the system, and with the regular maintenance work done during the past year the system is in good shape. There have been only a few proposals for extensions of our lines or large connections to our existing lines.

The next major project for the precinct is the extension of the main from the Manchester line on the back road to our present main near the entrance to Medford Farms. This is needed to improve the water flow to our system and to help with any more connections to the system. A warrant article for raising funds for this project is in this year's warrant.

Your continued support of the officers who have striven to make the precinct function and give all members of the precinct good service is greatly appreciated. Thank you one and all.

Theodore J. Rohr, Chairman of the Board  
Grasmere Village Water Precinct

## **GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT 2004 ANNUAL WARRANT**

To the customers of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct in the Town of Goffstown, in the County of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire; you are hereby notified to meet in the Grasmere Town Hall in the Village of Grasmere at Seven thirty (7:30) o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, March 24, 2004. To act on the following articles;

### **ARTICLE # 1**

To choose a commissioner for the years 2004, 2005 & 2006

### **ARTICLE # 2**

To Choose a Moderator for the years 2004 and 2005

### **ARTICLE # 3**

To Choose a Clerk for the years 2004 and 2005

### **ARTICLE # 4**

To choose a Treasurer for the years 2004 and 2005

### **ARTICLE # 5**

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to build the water main from the Manchester line to the existing Grasmere line near the entrance to Medford Farms, and to borrow in the name of Grasmere Village Precinct by issuance of serial notes or bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 for purpose of defraying the costs of the foregoing, and to authorize the commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and authorize the receipt and expenditure of federal grants that may become available for said purpose. The Commissioners and the budget committee recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required)

### **ARTICLE # 6**

To see if the Precinct will vote to approve the budget as proposed by the Commissioners and approved by the Town Budget Committee to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Thirty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars for the ensuing year. Not including any warrant articles.

### **ARTICLE # 7**

To hear the reports of the treasurer and clerk for the year 2003

ARTICLE # 8

To act upon any unfinished business from the previous meetings

ARTICLE # 9

To discuss and act upon any other business, which may rightfully come before,

**This is the Precinct's annual meeting and it is hoped that all residents of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct will attend and support the Precinct.**

Theodore J. Rohr Chairman  
Arthur W. Rose, Jr.  
William Swanson  
Commissioners of Grasmere Water Precinct

Given on this the Twelfth (12) day of January 2004, under our hands:

Theodore J. Rohr Chairman  
Arthur W. Rose, Jr.  
William Swanson

REVENUE  
(unaudited)

	2003 Budget	2003 Actual	2004 Budget
Receipts Reg.	100,000	102,726	104,700
Hydrant	10,252	10,252	10,252
New Inst.	3,000	0	3,000
Med. Farms	4,800	8,400	4,800
Interest	25	19	25
Misc. Water Sales	300	0	300
Replace Void Ck.	0	0	0
Repairs Private Line	0	0	200
Trans. From Cap. Res.	10,000	0	10,000
TOTAL	128,377	121,397	133,277

EXPENDITURES  
(unaudited)

Water	59,000	65,790	70,000
Salaries	7,100	7,100	8,500
Contract Labor	25,000	25,640	30,000
Maint. Supplies	2,000	472	1,250
Office Supplies	900	556	900
Telephone	1,000	522	1,000
Electric	2,760	2,144	2,760

Misc.	1,000	195	500
Training	500	60	500
Trans. To Cap. Res.	0	0	0
Snow Plowing	800	500	800
Meter & Testing	600	0	5,000
Auditing Books	750	0	1,000
Manchester Contract	10,000	9,000	10,000
Insurance	1,000	581	1,000
Returned Check		0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>112,410</b>	<b>112,560</b>	<b>133,210</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

### Assets

Cash on Hand (General Fund Check Book)	\$ 29,699.19
On Deposit NHDPIP	\$134,169.92
<b>Total Cash Available</b>	<b>\$163,596.11</b>

### Liabilities

Bills Owed by Precinct	\$40,000.000
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**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**NON-PARTISAN TOWN ELECTION**  
**GOFFSTOWN, NH 03045**  
**March 9, 2004**

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk

**ARTICLE 1**

To choose all Town Officers, Trustees, Commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

**SELECTMEN**

**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for Two**

Laurent P. Beaulac  
Jeremy Dupuis  
Barbara J. Griffin  
Bruce F. Hunter  
Frederick R. Plett  
Write In  
Write In

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for Four**

Eric Geissenhainer  
William J. Gleeson  
Phillip E. Kendall, II  
Raymond J. Labore  
Jeffrey A. Tate  
Write In  
Write In  
Write In  
Write In

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**For 2 Years**                      **Vote for One**

David W. Rowe  
Gordon M. Schaaf  
Write In

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**For 1 Year**                      **Vote for One**

Vivian Blondeau  
Write In

**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for One**

Jean Walker  
Write In

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for Two**

Lisa M. Iodice  
Susan L. Osburn  
Kenneth J. Rose  
Write In  
Write In

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**For 1 Year**                      **Vote for One**

Henry C. Boyle  
Stephen Brzozowski  
Write In

**PLANNING BOARD**

**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for Two**

James Raymond  
Lowell S. Von Ruden  
William J. Wynne  
Write In  
Write In

**SEWER COMMISSION**

**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for One**

Paul E. LaPerle  
Write In

**SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST**

**For 6 Years**                      **Vote for One**

Rosemary Garretson  
Sara Ann Sarette  
Write In

**TOWN MODERATOR**

**For 2 Years**                      **Vote for One**

Rodney Stark  
Write In

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**For 3 Years**                      **Vote for One**  
Kenneth J. Rose  
Write In

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**  
**For 1 Year**                      **Vote for One**  
Earl S. Carrel  
Write In

## **ARTICLE 2**

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Limit the residential density of manufactured housing parks and subdivisions?

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## **ARTICLE 3**

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Edit changes for clarification, voiding approvals when implementation action has not been taken, and requiring certified foundation plans?

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## **ARTICLE 4**

Shall the town adopt, pursuant to RSA 674:51-a, an amendment to the existing town building code as proposed by the planning board as follows: Repeal the present BOCA building codes and adopt, by reference, the International Codes 2000 as published by the International Code Council and all future supplements of the International Residential Code, and any future supplements of the other International Codes that are adopted by the State?

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## **ARTICLE 5**

Shall the town adopt an amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows: Amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 18, lot 17, from Commercial (C) to Residential 2 (R-2)?

***(The property address is 7 Joffre Street.) (Submitted by Petition.)***

***Not recommended by the Planning Board.***

## **ARTICLE 6**

Shall the town adopt an amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows: Amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 18, lot 28, from Commercial (C) to Residential 2 (R-2)?

***(The property address is 8 Joffre Street.) (Submitted by Petition.)***

***Not recommended by the Planning Board.***

## ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred seventy eight thousand five hundred forty-one dollars (\$578,541) for the purpose of initiating a Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$533,800) of bonds or notes with bond related fees in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town?

The bonded amount of five hundred thirty three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$533,800) is for capital expenses including barrels, truck, 40' x 60' building, skid steer and attachments. The operating cost of forty four thousand seven hundred forty one dollars (\$44,741) includes employee wages/benefits, vehicle operating expenses, and recycling disposal fees. The operating cost will be raised by property taxes.

It is anticipated that the savings generated from this program will cover the cost of the bond and at the end of the bond term will save the town an additional \$100,000 per year.

If this article passes, then the Operating Budget Article 8 will be reduced by sixty nine thousand four hundred seventy five dollars (\$69,475) which is equivalent to about four (4) months of the recycling contract.

(A 3/5 ballot vote is required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling fourteen million eight hundred twenty eight thousand and nine hundred forty nine dollars (\$14,828,949)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be fourteen million three hundred seventy eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$14,378,200), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. [NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.]

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

### ARTICLE 9

Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan, which was initiated two years ago? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

### ARTICLE 10

Shall the town raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund which was established last year pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of land acquisition, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

### ARTICLE 11

Shall the town raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2004? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

*Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.*

### ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Goffstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000? To qualify, the person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including, without limitation, that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less \$24,000; and own net assets, whether married or not, not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

*Presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*



### ARTICLE 13

Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of revising the municipal charter or establishing a new municipal charter?

*Presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

### ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$2,000 for service connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety?

*Submitted by petition.*

### ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$500 on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety?

*Submitted by petition.*

### ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$2,000 on the real and personal property of the surviving spouse of veteran who was killed in action or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28?

*Submitted by petition.*

### ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in a conservation fund, established under RSA 36-A:5, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith?

*Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**  
**GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**MARCH 9, 2004**

Jo Ann Duffy, School District Clerk

**Article 1**

**To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:**

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Lorry D. Cloutier  
Scott Gross  
Ellen Vermokowitz

**Article 2**

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$3,346,001.00 (Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand One Dollars) for the construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; said appropriation to be funded as follows:

\$2,253,030.00 (Two Million Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Thirty Dollars) from Kindergarten Aid, and

\$436,769.00 (Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars) from Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund, and

up to \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2004, and

\$256,202.00 (Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars) to be raised through taxes.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 4, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

### **Article 3**

Shall the voters of Goffstown School District adopt the modifications to the AREA Agreement as recommended by AREA School Plan Review Board and approved for submission to the voters by the New Hampshire State Board of Education on January 21, 2004. A copy of the AREA Agreement shall be on file with the School Administration Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.)

### **Article 4**

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$27,135,334.00 (Twenty-Seven Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be \$26,436,328.00 (Twenty-Six Million Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends \$27,135,334.00 (Twenty-Seven Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)





## SCHOOL BOARD



*L-R seated: Scott Gross, Chair, Jane Raymond, Ellen Vermokowitz, Sara Ann Sarette, L-R: Keith Allard, Ginny McKinnon, Philip Pancoast. Absent: Tammy Schofield, Dorine Olson, Matt Luby, student rep.*

During this past year, the Goffstown School Board has been hard at work ensuring that our children are receiving a quality education. The year 2003 was both a challenging and rewarding one for the school district. The School Board continued its focus on facilities, curriculum development, improving communication with the public, and dealing with the ramifications of No Child Left Behind and the ever-changing education funding dilemma in New Hampshire.

After many years of planning, the Goffstown AREA High School renovation project was finally completed. Thanks again to the voters for approving this project. Our high school has truly been transformed. From new science labs and art rooms to a larger gymnasium, our facilities are now a perfect match for the pride and enthusiasm that is demonstrated by the students and staff inside the building.

It would have been impossible to complete a project of that size without the tremendous effort of our Building Committee led by School Board member Ellen Vermokowitz. Assisting Ellen on this committee were John Stafford, Sara Sarette, Sue Tremblay, and Charlie Carr. Our community thanks these dedicated people for the countless hours they spent with our construction manager and architect to accomplish a project of this size and scope within the approved budget.

Changes to the high school weren't just to the building. Numerous community groups and athletic booster organizations spent countless hours making our Field of Dreams a reality, as well as a girl's softball complex that is the envy of our Class L competition. Our student athletes are to be commended for their first year in Class L competition, as the bar has certainly been raised.

Another school facility that garnered a great deal of attention in 2003 was our public kindergarten proposal. Unfortunately, our proposal fell 15 votes short of the 60% majority needed for a bond vote. While this was certainly a disappointment for the School Board, it was encouraging to see the strong voter turnout and tremendous support we received from the community. The school district was very pleased to have received a letter from the State Department of Education guaranteeing us 75% kindergarten construction aid in fiscal year 2004-05. This will allow us one final opportunity to obtain 2.2 million dollars in state funds. The school board continues to emphasize the benefits of public kindergarten, and we look forward to presenting another kindergarten proposal in March 2004.

As a School Board we continue to work with our administration, teachers, and parents to refine our curriculum. Providing our teachers and students with the proper resources is critical to our success as a district. Over the years we have made steady improvement in our use of technology in the classroom. Our teachers and students are embracing new technology; some teachers are even experimenting with classroom websites where students are kept up to date with new assignments, homework and other information. Needless to say it will be our obligation to provide the necessary resources in order to prepare our children for a world heavily reliant on technology.

Speaking of technology, the School Board has stepped up its use of the Internet as a means of communicating with the community. In 2003, we redesigned our district website to include a long list of resources. We currently post our agendas and minutes on the site and in the future we plan to enhance this site with even more information. We continue our public communication plan by writing articles in local newspapers and hosting television programs in an effort to provide information to the public.

Changes at the state and federal level continue to create challenges for the education system in Goffstown. As a school board we continue to take a proactive and vocal role in the funding of education. Our Board hosted a forum of legislative leaders in November 2003 to ask the tough questions about education funding.

In 2003 the NH Legislature passed HB 608, which will have a dramatic effect on the money we receive from the state of New Hampshire. As a community we need to be vigilant with what our legislators are doing in Concord and make sure they are keeping our best interests in mind. So while taxes continue to be on the minds of many Goffstown citizens, please keep in mind that you too have a voice in making a difference by speaking with your elected officials and sharing your thoughts.

On the federal level, the school board continues to comply with the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Similar to other federal mandates like special education, NCLB will be a unique challenge as we work toward compliance. Once again, we remain active in voicing our concerns in a manner that serves to advance student learning.

Over the course of 2003, the Goffstown School Board began the process of renegotiating our AREA Agreement with the towns of Dunbarton and New Boston. Based on changes to NH State statutes, the school board expressed a desire to continue its long-standing relationship with these two towns. Our

current agreement was written over thirty years ago and needs to be amended to keep up with all the changes in education that have evolved over three decades. I am pleased to report that after a year of discussions, all three towns have agreed to an amended AREA agreement, which will be brought before the voters in all three communities in 2004. Thanks to the school board members in both Dunbarton and New Boston for all their efforts in writing this amended agreement.

I'd like to give special thanks to my peers on the Goffstown School Board who work tirelessly for the children of our community. It's truly been a pleasure serving on the school board this past year. I've developed a wonderful relationship with the school administrators, teachers, staff, and the various town departments and committees that are integral to the success of our school system.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Gross, Chair, Goffstown School District

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Our schools continue to be exciting places to work and learn. On behalf of the School Administrative Unit #19 districts of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston, along with our Boards of Education, school site administrators, dedicated front line personnel – our teachers – and of course the ones for whom we work, the children of our towns, I present the following report.

Dunbarton Elementary School's enrollment went from 206 students in June 2002 to 227 students in June 2003. Enrollment held with 229 students being reported on October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current school year for grades Kindergarten through six.

Student population in Goffstown is on the rise. The population was 2,828 in June 2002 and ended the year in June 2003 at 2989. October 2003 enrollments continued to climb and reached 3,085 students. Student growth continues to be primarily at Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown AREA High School. Mountain View is once again approaching 1100 students and the high school is over 1200. Goffstown AREA High School joined the ranks of Class L (large school) for athletics beginning in the fall of 2002.

New Boston Central School had 501 students in June 2002. This number increased by only one student to 502 by June 2003. October 2003 enrollment continues to show a leveled off elementary enrollment at 497 students.

Yearly assessments are administered to students across the grade levels in our districts. They include Early Literacy Screening (Grade 1), Writing Prompts (Grade 1-8), Houghton Mifflin Benchmark Assessment (Grades 2-6), Everyday Mathematics Assessment (Grade 1-6), New Standards Reference Examination (Grades 5, 7, 8, and 9), NHEIAP at Grades 3, 6, and 10, and at the high school level AP Exams, PSAT, SAT, ASVAB, and common mid-terms and finals. Due to budget constraints the New Standards Examination will not take place in 2003-2004. Reports on each of our assessments for individual students are shared with



parents. For a review of our School District Profiles including NHEIAP scores you may visit the web at <http://www.measuredprogress.org/nhprofile/>.

The GAHS two-year project of renovations and additions was completed this past summer. You are encouraged to visit the facility and view the improvements. We would like to thank the taxpayers of Goffstown and the many volunteers who have supported this project. Our special thanks to the Field of Dreams volunteers and to the Friends of Softball for the added value they provided to the project through their work. To long-term Building Committee members Ellen Vermokowitz, John Stafford, Sue Tremblay, Sara Sarette and Charles Carr, we are forever grateful for the roles you filled in planning, developing and completing this project.

All three of our districts continued discussions involving long range planning. This involved AREA Review Committees in all three towns, and a Goffstown Kindergarten Study Committee. A formal discussion of the future of the AREA Contract between the school districts began in the spring of 2003 and came to fruition with the presentation of a proposed revision of the AREA Agreement that was approved by the New Hampshire State Board of Education on January 21, 2004. This proposal will now be on the Warrant for consideration in each of our districts. The Goffstown Kindergarten Committee, the School Board and the Budget Committee are in agreement and are supporting the funding of a proposal for a kindergarten building. This issue will be voted upon in Goffstown in March of 2004.

Additional information about our three school districts and our six schools can be found on our website at [www.goffstown.k12.nh.us/](http://www.goffstown.k12.nh.us/); <http://www.new-boston.nh.us/schools/nbcs/>; and <http://www.dunbarton.k12.nh.us/>.

September 2002 was a very busy time as we completed the process of hiring 52 new teachers in our three districts. Eight teachers retired from our schools during the 2002-2003 school year. We send best wishes to Peter Allen, Margaret Blair, Ellen Bostwick, Jennifer Evans, and Pamela Walker of Goffstown AREA High School; Mary Heath of the SAU office; and Maggie Dolbow, Nancy Magdziasz, and Phyllis Manchester of Mountain View Middle School.

Our six schools have felt the impact of the No Child Left Behind Act in several ways. Many of our teachers, particularly at the middle school, are now required to attain "Highly Qualified" status, a designation beyond the typical certification scope. We are working to support these staff members in this endeavor, as we align their professional development goals with the modified legislative language.

The SAU's curriculum, assessment and professional development initiatives are geared toward the mission of Advancing Student Learning for all students, including those who have special education needs. Students with a wide variety of educational disabilities are educated in our schools whenever possible, some with special programming that has allowed them to return from out-of-district placements. The NH Department of Education evaluated the special education services in each of our districts in March 2003. The evaluating team commended the strides made toward providing in-house programs, and noted the decrease in out-of-district placements. The team recommended continuing to build the professional staff, to increase collaboration between special education teachers and general education teachers and to enhance the achievement of students with



special needs in typical classrooms. This recommendation fits with the aim of No Child Left Behind legislation, which is to ensure that every student has access to instruction from teachers highly qualified in their subject areas, and that every student has the support to make adequate yearly progress.

In response to the evaluating team's report, the district has provided documentation of joint special education / general education professional development for teachers, and opportunities for teachers to observe each other's programs, to co-plan instruction and assessments, and to share information on best practices and innovative use of technology. These special education initiatives are completely intertwined with the SAU's overall mission of Advancing Student Learning, and enhancing opportunities for all students.

Over the next two years our districts are required to comply with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34, known as GASB34. The pronouncement of GASB 34 by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) will have a major impact on the financial reporting for all Municipal / Governmental agencies. The most notable change for our districts will be the capitalization of fixed assets. This means that all fixed assets (i.e. buildings, equipment & furnishings, vehicles) with a useful life greater than 1 year and a purchase price meeting the School Board's designated threshold will now be capitalized. Yearly depreciation expense will then be tracked for financial reporting purposes.

We thanked several School Board members for their years of service. Members completing Board service during the 2002-2003 year were in New Boston - Joe Constance, in Dunbarton - Theresa Francoeur and Kimberly Belanger and in Goffstown - Chairperson Kerry Steckowych, John Stafford and Michael York. This fall the theater at GAHS was dedicated as the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium in loving memory of our past Chairman of the Goffstown School Board.

This summer we welcomed two new Assistant Superintendents to the SAU office, Gail Kushner and Kathleen Titus. Gail's primary focus will be on curriculum and professional development, while Kathi will focus on administration and special education. Please join us in welcoming these new administrators to our team.

In closing, as always, we give thanks to school boards, employees, school volunteers, parents and citizens who have contributed to the past and present accomplishments of our students. Your continued support and cooperation is essential to our students' success.

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## **GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003

Moderator, Larry Emerton, called the 2003 School District Deliberative Session to order at 7:15 p.m. There were 103 registered voters in attendance out of a total of 8,956 registered voters. Claude Laroche, Charlie Carr, Fred Plett, Sherry Hieber, and Kilton Barnard were sworn-in as counters. Representative Richard Fletcher led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the Shuttle Columbia astronauts and the late Dr. Craig Hieber, former Chair of the Goffstown School Board.

L. Emerton then introduced the Chair of the School Board, Kerry Steckowych, who introduced the following School Board members Vice Chair, Scott Gross, Ellen Vermokowitz, Jane Raymond, John Stafford, Michael York, Philip Pancoast, Sara Sarette, and Tammy Schofield.

Mr. Emerton also introduced Superintendent Dr. Darrell Lockwood. Dr. Lockwood introduced the SAU his staff: Assistant Superintendent Mary Heath; Business Manager Michelle Croteau; Principals Gerry Frew, David Bousquet, and Mark Roth; Assistant Principal Leslie Doster; and Facilities Director Gerry Agate.

Moderator Emerson also introduced Budget Committee Chair John Caprio; Budget Committee School Sub-Committee Chair Sue Tremblay; School District Clerk Jo Ann Duffy; and Assistant Moderator Fred Plett.

Mr. Emerton reviewed the housekeeping rules regarding written ballots. He also advised that there was a typo in Article 2 of the posting, third to last line should read Article 4. Mr. Emerton then read the legal posting for this meeting and the MS-27. A motion was made by John Caprio and seconded by Sue Tremblay to dispense with the reading of Articles 2-4 and take them up separately. This was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

### **Article 2**

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) for (1) The construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and to raise an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,295,300.00), which equals the project cost of THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) less revenue from Kindergarten aid of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,297,700.00) and Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) by the issuance of bonds or notes to the District in

accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board; and (2) to further raise and appropriate through taxation a sum of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$26,179.00) for the initial interest payment and fees on said bonds or notes. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the Operating Budget Article. (Sixty percent vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

**MOTION:** Kerry Steckowych moved, seconded by Scott Gross to place Article 2 on the Ballot as presented.

Scott Gross and Tammy Schofield made a Power Point presentation.

Scott Gross: During the 2001-02 school year we found that over 50% of first graders do not have basic skills for letter and number recognition. Teachers have to spend up to six months to catch people up. Children who do attend public kindergarten achieve at higher levels, have better reading and math skills, perform better on state assessments, and are better prepared for school. The benefits of public kindergarten show that kindergarten can be the most important year in a child's life; Access to public school programs and services with highly qualified certified educators, Easing transition from home to school. Better home/school communications at an early age, a kindergarten curriculum that prepares children for first grade, a solid public school experience that lays the foundation for the development of academic, social and emotional skills, educational programming offered to all five-year-old children that addresses a range of learning skills, children who are prepared for first grade based on grade level expectation, reduced costs related to remedial costs and retention and fewer children dropping out of school. Kindergarten is an educational investment to support a future generation. New Boston and Dunbarton have implemented kindergarten, accessing 75% NH Kindergarten Aid. They have seen dramatic improvements in the skills of children entering first grade. This would be a ten-classroom school that will accommodate up to 260 children. It is located on Tibbetts Hill Road. There would be space provided for the special education preschool program. We have signed the purchase and sale agreement with the owner of the property. Maple Ave and Bartlett Schools are at capacity. Neither school has land sufficient to build additional classrooms. The existing kindergarten construction aid currently offers school construction aid at a 75% during the year of construction. The total school cost is \$3,693,000.

Kindergarten Aid will cover \$2,297,700. Goffstown will have to raise \$1,395,300. The School Board proposes a ten-year bond in the amount of \$1,295,300. Operating costs will be about \$544,013. Anticipated opening date is September 2004. Anticipated number of students is 200. The school will open as a kindergarten school, but may be expanded, as an elementary school to meet the future population needs of Goffstown's children and families. The estimated



tax impact of this project for year one is four cents per thousand. Year two is .26 cents per thousand. The final year is .19 cents per thousand. Only 19 school districts in NH do not have public kindergarten. All Goffstown children need access to public kindergarten.

Jen Foley: If we are at capacity now for an elementary school, when would the need arise for this additional school?

Scott Gross: We have put it in CIP for 2006. If this kindergarten building is constructed in 2004, our preschool can be removed from Bartlett.

Jen Foley: Do we have a back up plan if the funds are not received from Concord?

Scott Gross: Traditionally, they have distributed the funds, but otherwise it would come from taxation.

Liz Dolan: I don't understand the contingency funds bridging?

Scott Gross: Our state budget is approved every two years. The state is on a biennial budget.

Hank Boyle: People have asked me if it is mandatory if the children go to kindergarten?

Scott Gross: It is still their choice. If people want a full-day program, that would be their option to send their child to a private kindergarten. There are many companies that provide after-school care and that is how we would fill the gap.

Ezra Beck: I have no objection to kindergarten, but would you please discuss the three bond issues.

Scott Gross: I don't have those figures right now; I can get you that after the meeting. As each year that goes by, the impact goes down.

Ezra Beck: Last year you were not interested in the amount of children going to the school. Will all the kids in Goffstown go to this school?

Scott Gross: What we have estimated is 200 Goffstown students will take advantage of this. That is our best estimate.

Kilton Barnard: Is the suitability of Tibbetts Hill Road there to handle that extra traffic? It is a blind turn at the bottom of the hill. Is there any preparation in mind to rectify that corner? Also, the road is not the greatest.

Kerry: We had several kindergarten discussions recently. There was a question from somebody about this. I would not expect this area to be treated any differently from any other school zones. They would be posted at 20 mph. Our officers are actively running radar in every school zone during the day. There could be traffic studies done and improvements as far as lighting and traffic control that may be suggested. If that property is sold for homes, you will still have traffic. It won't make that much of a difference.

Kilton Barnard: I think some of the road needs rebuilding. That should be part of the plan if that school is built up there. That road should be redone in places.

Scott Gross: We have looked at Tibbetts Hill Road. It is perfect that it is in the part of town that is growing. The Town has recently reconstructed this road. I am sure we will need to do some modifications. We would have the same problems with other roads. Tibbetts is probably better than the others. If we need to put blinking lights up, we will work with the Town to make sure the kids are safe and we won't ruin the quality of life for the people in that neighborhood.



Kilton Barnard: What is the percolation of the soil for septic requirements? Have you done any tests for the suitability of septic?

Scott Gross: We have been working with ProCon Construction.

Dr. Lockwood: We did go out there and the Town provided us with equipment and we did 11 test pits. This is a very "ledgy" piece of land. We met with ProCon and the architect. This will definitely be a fill. The property is suitable for septic.

Kilton Barnard: I know MVMS had a lot of cost overruns because of the unsuitability of the soils. Ledge can be a problem where you can have cost overruns, which would make the cost of the land much greater.

Scott Gross: We had a generous allocation for site prep.

Dan DalPra, Pro Con: One of the real gray areas in any construction project is what is under the ground. We did an in-house estimate of what we thought it would cost. Between that and a reasonable construction contingency, I think it is a very reasonable approach that has been taken, and I am very comfortable.

Kilton Barnard: That doesn't answer all my questions, but it did answer a couple.

George Fullerton: I was on the building committee for MVMS. The cost for setting up the septic was over than what was anticipated, but the project was well within budget.

Tricia Wynne: Are children going to be bused?

Scott Gross: Transportation will be provided to school for the morning session and home after school for the afternoon session. We have also been discussing a drop off point to reduce the number of buses needed. All students may go to the elementary schools first, and then be bused to the kindergarten.

Tricia Wynne: There may be a concern with kindergarten students being on a bus with 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Peter Osinki: Can you elaborate on the NH state aid.

Scott Gross: Right now we will get 75% from the State of NH. Those funds will sunset very shortly. It is doubtful they will re-up the money for kindergarten. If we are going to do this, we need to do it now. The state is giving us \$2.2 million. Eventually, if you look at the growth in our town, it is safe to say we will have to think about a new elementary school in a few years. I think this is good planning on our part.

Mr. Emerton: The facts on the financing at the state are we work on a biennium budget. We have four members of the house finance committee from Goffstown. We have saved this kindergarten money for one more year.

Peter Jenkins: I look at this plan and see there is not a bus lane by itself. I know from doing busing, the safest schools are the ones that have a bus lane.

Kurt Lauer: How many acres is the total site, and what is defined as useable acreage, and where would a future school be located?

Scott Gross: It is about 23 acres. We will be able to flatten out the area if we have to expand.

Paul Marinace, Architect: It is 23 acres total. The bulk will be useable, probably about 18 acres. The addition would be where the playground is situated.

Dr. Lockwood: We had not talked about playfields on this property. We talked about a playground. We have no intention, at this point in time, of playing

fields.

Charlie Carr: On a personal basis, I realize the value of kindergarten. The educational value is of supreme importance. I went to kindergarten 74 years ago. At that time in MA, only the cities had kindergarten. When the towns realized the city kids were getting ahead of them, they began to have kindergarten. I credit my kindergarten experience that from then on I was among the top 10% in my classes all the way through high school. The kids of this age will be paying for the social security for people who are in their 40's and 50's now. If we do not do this now, how will Goffstown be able to pay for a kindergarten in the future?

Scott Gross: We live in a great town and this is one of the final pieces of the puzzle. This is what is about our town, it is about progress. There is guaranteed money from the state. We have folks who have been working for two years on the kindergarten committee.

Don Ambrell, Range Road: Where do you plan on getting water?

Scott Gross: We will do wells. We did do test pits and we don't believe water will be an issue there.

Don Ambrell: I was wondering if anybody would look into that?

Dr. Lockwood: The Purchase and Sales Agreement allows for 120 days beyond a positive vote for the district to do an examination of the property for all kinds of issues. That will be the time when those things are explored.

**Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

(ARTICLE 2 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED)

### Article 3

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2003 - 04	\$ 117,135.00
2004 - 05	\$ 129,105.00
2005 - 06	\$ 139,149.00
2006 - 07	\$ 111,303.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$117,135.00) for the 2003-04 fiscal year, and to take ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$11,487.00) from the Food Service Revenue accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$105,648.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article)

**MOTION:**

**Philip Pancoast moved, seconded by Scott Gross to place Article 3 on the Ballot as presented.**

Pam Manney: What is the current number of employees in the support staff contract?

Philip Pancoast: About 120.

Pam Manney: What is the current base pay for a custodial employee?

Philip Pancoast: When examining the contract, we needed to present a contract to allow us to be competitive, and to address the increasing health care costs, both of which we achieved.

Scott Gross highlighted the first year hourly rates for the various positions: food service helper \$7.23, assistant cook \$7.99, head cook \$8.74, educational assistant \$7.99, EMT \$9.44, custodian II \$8.64, custodian I \$9.44, principal's secretary \$9.99, secretary \$9.44.

Pam Manney: I make twice that and I am just a laborer. What is the percentage increase that the contract calls for? These people are not paid much for what they do for our students. What is the increase in their base pay?

Philip Pancoast: In each year the matrix increases by one percent.

Pam Manney: How do the rates compare to other towns in the area?

Philip Pancoast: When we look at how we compensate people in similar jobs, we are still trying to achieve parity.

Pam Manney: Who comprises the support staff?

Philip Pancoast: Secretarial, custodial, food service workers, educational assistants, EMT's.

Scott Gross: We have to do due diligence in the community as well as retain quality people. We do try to get as much parody as possible. This district has had four out of six default budgets. We do have issues. We have to pay a competitive wage. However, it really does drive our expenses here.

**Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

**(ARTICLE 3 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.)**

**Article 4**

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY- FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be TWENTY FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY- NINE THOUSAND TWO

HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$25,469,258.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED



EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

**MOTION: John Stafford moved, seconded by Kerry Steckowych to place Article 4 on the Ballot as presented.**

Kerry Steckowych: The School Board and the Budget Committee have recommended this. The Budget Committee did not break itself down into a school side and town side group this year, which made their task lengthy, but they had direct information from the building principals. A lot of credit goes to John Caprio for meeting with us in the beginning. If this article is defeated, we will have a default budget. That is a difference of about \$539,000. The only difference would be staffing requests as they sit now. They are driven by programmatic changes at the high school. We are increasing the graduating requirements in science and math. The estimated tax impact is approximately 82 cents per thousand.

Scott Gross: Many of you received the Goffstown enrollments. They have risen. This is one driver of our budget. Our teachers and support staff are the largest component of our budget. Health insurance rates have gone up tremendously. Special Education and transportation costs are also a major component. Our budget is pretty bare-boned and we need your support on the school budget.

Dick Georgantas: I have a question regarding escalated cost of SAU services, administration and guidance.

Scott Gross: Teachers are up at Bartlett due to increased enrollment. Health and physical Ed and Tech teacher have been added at the high school.

Kerry Steckowych: You had costs for personnel that were previously grant funded. Our literacy programs have a cost, which continues to improve the performance of young readers in the elementary schools.

Scott Gross: Function 2120 accounts for \$109,000. There would be a new data entry clerk at the high school. Function 2321 - the SAU fund balance has been used in the past is now depleted. I suggest you check the NH Department of Education web site. There is great information there. Everyone is trying to divest him or herself with economic responsibility, and the grants are going dry.

Pam Manney: Functions 1410 and 1420 - you have stipends for four lead teachers. What is this?

Kerry Steckowych: That is similar to what that used to be called a department head, although it is not a department head responsibility.

Pam Manney: What is the district or state receiving percentage wise for Special Education?

Scott Gross: About 14% -17% is what we are getting from the Federal Government.

Betsy Cranston: Function 2630, why has the upkeep for grounds tripled?

Scott Gross: We have a bigger facility here and new fields. We want to keep what we have built so it will not get run down. We have a field of dreams in the back that will need maintenance.

Liz Dolan: I have a 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grader. I see an incredible amount of waste in my kids' education. Everything is mimeographed. Why not buy a textbook?



They have a new math program and it was useless. Then they bought another reading system that the teachers hated.

Scott Gross: In terms of our curriculum, it isn't driven by the administration. It is a collaborate effort. We have open meetings regarding curriculum education. Everyday Math was not just hammered out by the school board or administration. We do background work and discussion. I am sad to hear that your child did not have a good experience. On the whole, it is a great program. We have never short-changed any student in textbooks or technology. We spend quite a bit of money on textbooks every year. Our curriculum chairperson, Jane Raymond, talks about this and we have review cycles. We can speak with you after the meeting about this. We are very good at managing our resources.

Kerry Steckowych: You are seeing gaps created by default budgets.

Len Stuart: To what extent does this budget start to reflect the costs associated with the "No Child Left Behind"?

Kerry Steckowych: We need to have strong voices with our Federal representatives. There are no costs associated with that in this budget because it is not fully implemented yet.

Scott Gross: The jury is still out on what our district costs will be. The other issue is English as a Second Language. That also has to be addressed. The costs are not well defined right now.

Mr. Emerton: I spent two days listening to the "No Child Left Behind". It is a 1205 page document with an equal amount of rules to back it up. It is a huge bill that all states will face in the next several years. It is a major change in education. It will affect your budget, probably for the good.

?: Function 2640 equipment maintenance. This drops to \$6,000, what does that mean. Field trip transportation is doubling.

Kerry Steckowych: Field trips were put back in. They were reduced with the default budget.

?: Site improvement is going from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Kerry Steckowych: There are four schools in the district. Each may need their own improvements on site. I don't have the details on the first question, but it looks like we saved some money.

Bob Wheeler: Could you please respond to the fiscal impact if this article is passed?

Kerry Steckowych: It is less than \$1.00 on the tax rate – 83 cents.

**Voted unanimously in the affirmative.**

**(ARTICLE 4 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.)**

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Kerry Steckowych: It is with a heavy heart that I ask you to think about the late Dr. Craig Hieber, former Chair of the Goffstown School Board. He did a lot to make Goffstown the kind of community we are proud of. We would like to present this plaque to his wife, Sherry Hieber.

We also have some School Board members who will not be returning. It is with a little sadness that we present this plaque to Michael York. Michael has been the chair in the past and he has been a pleasure to work with.

Another member who won't be returning and who has been a pleasure working with and a wonderful bridge between the Budget Committee and School Board is John Stafford.

Scott Gross: Last but not least is our Chair, Kerry Steckowych. We want to thank Kerry for his leadership. It was a very trying time for the School Board, and he did a fine job as our leader.

Kerry Steckowych: This board has worked hard, as well as the administration to provide you with a fiscally responsible budget. I appreciate your support and look forward to your support on all of these articles this year.

**MOTION: Fred Plett moved, seconded by John Caprio to adjourn the 2003 Goffstown School District meeting at 8:46 p.m. So voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy,  
Goffstown School District Clerk

## ELECTION RESULTS

Goffstown, NH School District  
March 11, 2003

### Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Keith Allard	2415
Jane E. Raymond	2538
Virginia McKinnon	199 (write-in)

To choose one member of the School Board for a remaining one-year term.

Dorine L. Olson	2672
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To chose three School District Officials for the ensuing three years, namely:

School District Moderator	"Larry" Emerton	2843
School District Treasurer	Helen Skoglund	2870
School District Clerk	Jo Ann Duffy	2766

Article 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) for (1) The construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and to raise an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,295,300.00), which equals the project cost of THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) less revenue from Kindergarten aid of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,297,700.00) and Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) by the issuance of bonds or notes to the District in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board; and (2) to further raise and appropriate through taxation a sum of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$26,179.00) for the initial interest payment and fees on said bonds or notes. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the Operating Budget Article. (Sixty percent vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Yes	2013	Recount Results: Yes	2005
No	1363	No	1364

Article 3

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2003 – 04	\$ 117,135.00
2004 – 05	\$ 129,105.00
2005 – 06	\$ 139,149.00
2006 – 07	\$ 111,303.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$117,135.00) for the 2003-04 fiscal year, and to take ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$11,487.00) from the Food Service Revenue

accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$105,648.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article)

Yes 2235

No

1182

#### Article 4

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY- FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be TWENTY FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY- NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$25,469,258.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

Yes 2110

No

1293



# WARRANT

## SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

(February 2, 2004)

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Monday, the second day of February 2004, in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium at Goffstown AREA High School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2004, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 9, 2004, at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown AREA High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

### Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

### Article 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$3,346,001.00 (Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand One Dollars) for the construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; said appropriation to be funded as follows:

**\$2,253,030.00 (Two Million Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Thirty Dollars) from Kindergarten Aid, and \$436,769.00 (Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars) from Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund, and up to \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2004, and \$256,202.00 (Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars) to be raised through taxes.**

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 4, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

### Article 3

Shall the voters of Goffstown School District adopt the modifications to the AREA Agreement as recommended by AREA School Plan Review Board and approved for submission to the voters by the New Hampshire State Board of Education on January 21, 2004. A copy of the AREA Agreement shall be on file with the School Administration Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.)

### Article 4

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$27,135,334.00 (Twenty-Seven Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be \$26,436,328.00 (Twenty-Six Million Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends \$27,135,334.00 (Twenty-Seven Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2004.

### **GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD**

Scott Gross, Chair

Jane Raymond, Vice Chair

Tammy Schofield

Dorine Olson

Philip Pancoast

Ellen Vermokowitz

Virginia McKinnon

Keith Allard

Sara Ann Sarette

**Original Copy on File at SAU #19, 11 School Street, Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045**

# OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> PUPIL ENROLLMENT 1999-2003

School	Grade	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>BARTLETT</b>	Pre-School	29	29	28	33	40
Multi-age (1,2,3)		42	42	---	---	---
Combination Grades ½		---	20	---	---	---
1		32	37	57	52	42
2		47	20	57	59	51
3		36	48	35	53	55
4		---	---	---	44	46
<b>Total - Bartlett</b>		<b>186</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>242</b>

<b>MAPLE AVE</b>	Pre-School	---	---	---	---	---
Multi-age (1,2,3)		68	66	67	---	---
Combination (2,3)		---	---	---	46	44
1		115	95	107	126	111
2		120	114	99	110	111
3		108	127	119	97	115
4		25	23	44	144	144
<b>Total - Maple Avenue</b>		<b>436</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>505</b>

<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW</b>	4	214	168	156	---	---
	5	200	232	199	197	191
	6	220	211	239	223	208
	7	305	314	303	331	341
	8	301	310	320	313	343
<b>Total - MVMS</b>		<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,083</b>

## GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL

	9	240	330	302	314	320
	10	224	243	323	303	325
	11	257	242	259	308	346
	12	219	206	185	245	264
<b>Total - GAHS</b>		<b>924</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,170</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL 1998- 2002</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>2,899</b>	<b>2,998</b>	<b>3,085</b>
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# GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2002-2003 Actual	2003-2004 Appropriation	2004-2005 Proposed School Board	2004-2005 Proposed Budget Committee
Regular Education	9,883,700	10,650,520	11,161,644	11,161,644
Special Education	3,257,655	4,110,303	4,338,997	4,338,997
Co-Curricular & Athletics	343,781	407,588	456,982	456,982
Summer School Programs	0.00	14,384	18,217	18,217
Other Pupil Services	7,325	19,800	18,650	18,650
Adult Education Programs	0.00	0	30,410	30,410
Field Rental	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Guidance	640,429	766,746	827,111	827,111
Health Services	205,193	275,098	274,877	274,877
Speech Pathology and Audio	307,018	335,004	327,641	327,641
Curriculum Development	1,704	3,689	4,003	4,003
Staff Development	31,362	66,000	66,000	66,000
Information Center Services	337,814	358,608	396,334	396,334
Educational TV	1,727	3,800	3,800	3,800
Technical Support Services	278,191	170,211	167,007	167,007
School Board	28,651	30,119	32,319	32,319
Treasurer	2,515	2,624	2,624	2,624
District Meeting	1,046	3,445	11,712	11,712
Audit Services	4,500	5,000	6,000	6,000
Legal Services	35,144	10,000	10,000	10,000
SAU Services	814,051	939,588	1,011,621	1,011,621
Administration	1,277,150	1,412,383	1,747,577	1,747,577
Other Student Support Services	154,301	168,711	20,864	20,864
Building Operations	1,498,757	1,554,375	1,712,398	1,712,398
Care and Upkeep of Grounds	22,517	69,115	43,365	43,365
Equipment Maintenance	20,199	6,004	6,003	6,003
Transportation	747,646	766,552	785,380	785,380
Special Needs Transportation	398,437	529,211	483,946	483,946
Skills Center Transportation	26,368	28,458	29,160	29,160
Athletic Program Transportation	47,119	52,200	59,700	59,700
Field Trip Transportation	7,612	24,140	25,540	25,540
GESS Course Reimbursement	5,601	8,000	8,000	8,000
Site Improvement	10,971	20,000	13,000	13,000
Debt Service	2,180,010	2,108,195	1,958,918	1,958,918
Total General Fund	22,583,497	24,924,871	26,064,800	26,064,800



Federal Grants Fund	642,824	487,029	331,101	331,101
Capital Projects Fund	740,569	0	0	0
Food Service Fund	716,789	714,420	739,433	739,433
<b>Goffstown School Dist. Total</b>	<b>24,683,679</b>	<b>26,126,320</b>	<b>27,135,334</b>	<b>27,135,334</b>

## Note\*

The proposed fiscal year 2004 –2005 columns equal the operating budget warrant articles

## REVENUES

	2002 - 2003	2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2004 - 2005
	Approved MS 24	Approved MS 24	Proposed School Board	Proposed Budget Committee
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>				
Adequacy Grant	5,501,613	5,189,850	4,002,444	4,002,444
School Building Aid	505,303	505,303	530,775	530,775
Area Vocational School			5,800	5,800
Catastrophic Aid	170,808	216,161	294,502	294,502
Child Nutrition	12,850	12,850	12,850	12,850
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>				
IASA, Chapter I and II	104,937	487,029	333,894	333,894
Child Nutrition Programs	80,700	80,700	80,700	80,700
<b>LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES</b>				
Tuition	2,970,000	3,600,000	4,150,000	4,150,000
Driver Education Program Receipts	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Earnings on Investments	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Food Service	603,009	620,870	649,933	649,933
Medicaid	50,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Reimbursement Spec. Ed.	50,000	158,400	130,137	130,137
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES &amp; CREDITS</b>	<b>10,084,220</b>	<b>10,971,163</b>	<b>10,291,035</b>	<b>10,291,035</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
Sale of Bonds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>				
General Fund Balance	397,595	607,834	1,000,000	1,000,000
Reserved Fund Balance	537,746			
Less Fund Balance Reserved for			(400,000)	(400,000)
Fund Balance Applied to	935,341	607,834	600,000	600,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	<b>11,019,561</b>	<b>11,578,997</b>	<b>10,891,035</b>	<b>10,891,035</b>
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	8,418,506	9,915,040	12,668,395	12,668,395
STATE ASSESSMENT	4,528,470	4,632,283	3,575,904	3,575,904
<b>APPROPRIATIONS *</b>	<b>23,966,537</b>	<b>26,126,320</b>	<b>27,135,334</b>	<b>27,135,334</b>

\* Note: In FY 2003 - 2004 this number equals the proposed operating budget warrant article.

## DEBT SCHEDULE

As of June 30, 2003

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
2003-04	1,330,000.00	722,146.66	2,052,146.66
2004-05	1,341,775.00	617,142.91	1,958,917.91
2005-06	1,330,000.00	575,852.50	1,905,852.50
2006-07	1,320,000.00	534,092.50	1,854,092.50
2007-08	1,305,000.00	491,530.00	1,796,530.00
2008-09	1,285,000.00	447,798.75	1,732,798.75
2009-10	1,275,000.00	402,605.00	1,677,605.00
2010-11	1,210,000.00	356,315.00	1,566,315.00
2011-12	900,000.00	314,300.00	1,214,300.00
2012-13	600,000.00	281,300.00	881,300.00
2013-14	600,000.00	252,800.00	852,800.00
2014-15	600,000.00	224,150.00	824,150.00
2015-16	600,000.00	194,750.00	794,750.00
2016-17	600,000.00	164,750.00	764,750.00
2017-18	600,000.00	134,750.00	734,750.00
2018-19	600,000.00	104,750.00	704,750.00
2019-20	600,000.00	74,750.00	674,750.00
2020-21	600,000.00	44,750.00	644,750.00
2021-22	595,000.00	14,875.00	609,875.00
<b>Total</b>			
<b>Outstanding</b>			
<b>Bonds</b>	<b>\$17,291,775.00</b>	<b>\$5,953,408.32</b>	<b>\$23,245,183.32</b>

<u>Bond</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>	<u>Interest Balance</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
MVMS & Elementary Bond*	5,896,775.00	759,633.32	6,656,408.32
GAHS Renovation/ Addition	11,395,000.00	5,193,775.00	16,588,775.00
<b>Total</b>			
<b>Outstanding</b>			
<b>Bonds</b>	<b>\$17,291,775.00</b>	<b>\$5,953,408.32</b>	<b>\$23,245,183.32</b>

\*Note:

The MVMS & Elementary Bond was refunded in August 2003 resulting in a savings of \$341,879 in interest cost over the life of the Bond.

## Principal's Reports

### BARTLETT ELEMENTARY

David A. Bousquet, Principal

During the past year, Bartlett Elementary School has continued its focus on improving student achievement in literacy and math. Bartlett is in its third year of participation in the Literacy Collaborative initiative through Lesley University. This initiative, funded through the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Project, is a school-wide reform program which enables us to provide intensive professional development and instruction in literacy. The primary staff completed 50 hours of professional development in effective literacy instruction. I am confident that our involvement in this initiative will have long-term positive effects on the literacy learning of our students.

There are many events and programs that take place at Bartlett Elementary School over the year. Some of the programs that help create a positive environment while fostering learning include monthly All-School Meetings, Lunch With the Principal, McDonald's Student of the Month, Grandparents' Luncheon, Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Parade, Kids Voting, Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, Memorial Day Program, Project Night, Bartlett Bash and the Fourth Grade Farewell. Students at Bartlett Elementary School are called to the office on their birthday and receive a "Birthday Book" chosen especially for them. This program is sponsored by the PTA and is once again coordinated by Mrs. Audley.

In March, Bartlett Elementary School, along with the other schools in the SAU, participated in a Special Education Program review. A team, representing the NH Department of Education, visited the school to review case studies, interview parents and staff, and to observe programs. This was a valuable learning experience for our staff and we received excellent feedback on our programs.

In the spring, Bartlett's guidance counselor, Candice Roux, received a Career Awareness and Exploration K-8 Award in recognition of her Elementary Career Guidance Program. This ABC Award Recognition Program is sponsored by the NH Department of Education.

During the summer, Bartlett Elementary School provided programming to better meet the needs of our students. Besides having a summer program for special needs students, we also offered a Summer Literacy and Numeracy Program. During the summer, our school library remained open three mornings each week so students and their families in the Pinardville area could borrow books for summer reading.

School opened in the fall with several additions and changes to the staff at Bartlett Elementary School. We were very excited to have the following staff members join us this year:

Becky Forrestall – Special Ed. Facilitator

Nick Zeras – Physical Education Teacher

Andrea Rounds – Special Education Teacher

Ann Kelley – Art Teacher



Jill Plamondon – Grade 3 Teacher (from Special Ed.)  
Heidi Feudner–Paraprofessional  
Amy Loveren – Paraprofessional  
Jennifer Francis – Speech Pathologist  
Carol Atteberry – Teacher of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

In the fall, we received word that Bartlett Elementary School would once again be presented a Blue Ribbon Award for recognition of our excellent volunteer program. Special thanks go to our volunteer coordinator, Lisa Lambert, for doing a tremendous job finding volunteers to meet a wide variety of needs.

In addition to continuing the Literacy Collaborative initiative, Bartlett began implementing the Risk Watch program this fall. Risk Watch is a child safety program that deals with the major causes of childhood injury including fire prevention, car safety, bicycle safety, and swimming safety.

Bartlett Elementary continues to increase its partnership with St. Anselm College. We provide their students a place to fulfill some of their learning obligations and services. They provide us assistance in numerous areas, including volunteers, babysitting, academic support and student assistance. St. Anselm College has also involved our students, especially those in Mrs. Crete's third grade class, in the Digital Divide program. This program joins the students with area senior citizens in learning technology. Due to our participation in this program, St. Anselm College has provided us with technology including a projector system, digital cameras and a digital video recorder.

In November 2003, the Bartlett school community was deeply saddened by the loss of third grader, Timmy Begin. Timmy was a very special boy who bravely fought cancer for four years. Timmy's courage in facing his illness, his deep love of learning and school, and his ever-present smile were a positive example to us all.

In the coming year, we look forward to providing an excellent learning environment to the children at Bartlett Elementary School. If you have any questions, please contact us at 623-8088.

## MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY

**Marc Boyd, Principal**

Giordano Bruno once said, "If the first button of one's coat is wrongly buttoned, all the rest will be crooked." And that is basically what we strive for at the Maple Avenue Elementary School. We strive to make sure that all of our children's "educational" coats are correctly buttoned from the get go. We do this through an intense course of study, rigorous instruction, warmth, compassion, collaboration with parents and guardians and the understanding that enthusiasm is essential if a child is to achieve.

We started the 2002/2003-year with a festive "First Day" celebration that included the welcoming back of the entire Fourth Grade Class from the Mountain View Middle School. Their return increased the school's population by 100 students and added a portable classroom in the front of the school. They also added a wonderful addition to the student body.

We also welcomed the following new staff members Mrs. St. Gelais & Mrs. St. Jean-Loi in first grade, Mr. Tateosian in fourth grade, Mr. Knott as our music teacher and Mr. Brooks as our physical education teacher.

The 2002/2003 academic year was again devoted to the continuation of the advancement of literacy (the instruction of reading and writing) and math instruction at the school. In literacy we continued our Reading Recovery program while beginning staff training in literacy instruction through our Literacy Specialist. Suzanne Pyszka, who previously taught first grade at the school and trained for a year at Lesley University became our Literacy Specialist. In this role she provided direct training to the staff and services to the children.

In math, we received a grant from the Walker Foundation that will ensure the continuation of professional development for the staff. The focus of this grant is to enhance our skills in the instruction of "Everyday Math" and communicating with the parents and guardians so they better understand the program.

The children who attend the Maple Avenue Elementary School receive a remarkable education experience. We are blessed with a dedicated, committed and professional staff. We are also extremely fortunate to have a caring and supportive community and parent/guardian group known as the PFT (Parent Faculty Together).

I would like to thank our long term PFT President, Kathy Stoyale, who is moving on to lead the Mountain View Parent group for all the work she has done for the school. It would be next to impossible to list all the individuals who have made all the successes and happenings at the school possible this year. Let me collectively thank our PFT and its volunteers, the community of Goffstown and public departments, the Superintendent's Office and the students and staff, who all work so hard to make Maple Avenue Elementary School such a special place.

## MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE

ROSE LAROCHELLE-COLBY, Principal

Communication, curriculum, culture and climate—three areas in which the Mountain View Middle School community has made a strong commitment during the school year. Over one hundred and fifty parents participated in the First Day program at M.V.M.S. this year to welcome our 1075 students (from Goffstown, from New Boston, and from Dunbarton). Through this program, our newsletter and weekly notices customized for individual grade levels, we are able to more effectively communicate with parents and students.

In the area of curriculum, grade seven and eight teachers partnered with Goffstown Area High School ninth and tenth grade teachers in a summer curriculum institute whose goal was to fashion a coordinated curriculum across the four grade levels. Work of the institute continued through the school year in the four content areas to design common assessments based on the curriculum design. In grades five and six, teachers have participated in the district initiative in the Everyday Math program and reading and writing workshop development in Language Arts.

Mr. Fred Deppe, our new Assistant Principal and Ms. Lena Vitagliano our new Special Needs Coordinator, have brought a great deal of experience and expertise to their roles. As a result, Project Second Step, a violence prevention program, has had a genuine positive effect on the culture and climate of our school. Students and staff ‘caught caring’ for each other are recognized in daily announcements and a weekly ceremony. Daily quotes in the morning announcements emphasize one of the ten attributes in the “steps to respect” throughout the year.

This year we chose to celebrate the month of the adolescent in October by celebrating the artistic, creative, and academic achievement of our students. A quiz bowl in each curriculum content area at each grade level followed the weekly art and poetry contests during the month. Thanksgiving brought the first annual Turkey Trot. It was quite a sight to see over eight hundred students, teachers, and parents run or walk the two-mile course.

This year we have been able to offer more opportunities for students to participate in our athletic teams. “B” level teams were added in several sports, expanding the offerings in the popular sports with an emphasis on skill development by students in all grade levels.

As we work to develop smaller learning communities through our commitment to middle level education, Mountain View Middle School will continue to develop our communication, curriculum, and school culture and climate with students, parents, staff, and the greater Goffstown community.



## GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH

Mark Roth, Principal

Last year I wrote about the completion of phase one of the building project. In that report there was mention of the new art and cafeteria kitchen, as well as the first floor façade and the gym was rearranged, refurbished and refreshed. Now I can write about the project in its totality. There is a complete change in the space used to teach science, every lab/classroom has been redone with floor to ceiling and wall-to-wall rehab. There are classrooms that have seen paint, new floors and ceilings. There is a SMART room where we can do distance learning, as well as conduct classes, conferences and other technology based teaching and learning opportunities for students and staff, a lecture hall with seating for 72 that will have a large screen and technological capabilities as well. The library has been refurbished and includes a new circulation desk.

The building project was the effort of diverse groups, sometimes with different interests. The community owes a debt of gratitude to the building committee who insured that the project reflected the wishes of the voters in both substance and intent; and the result is a facility that consists of many fine touches that make this a cost effective community resource.

GAHS sports continue to be successful in our transition to Class L competition. The classification committee of the NHIAA has finished its reclassification for the next two years and with over 1200 students GAHS will remain in Class L. Winter track, wrestling, swimming, winter spirit and fall spirit, boys basketball, the alpine ski team, boys soccer, golf, field hockey, softball, outdoor track and field, cross country, and the girls tennis team all participated in NHIAA tournaments. In fact, our girls alpine ski team hosted the Class L meet at Pat's Peak Ski Area, our home course. This year, the hockey team moved into the brand new Sullivan Arena on the campus of St. Anselm College for all of our practices and games. The football team hosted the first annual Thanksgiving Day football game with a victory for the Grizzlies. The baseball team finished the regular season as the top seed and earned a berth in the final four at the state tournament. For the second year, the volleyball team finished first in the sportsmanship balloting in Class L. Our golf team was fortunate this season to have Stonebridge Country Club as their exclusive home for both practices and matches.

This year the Drama Society was dedicated to student involvement, students came together to build sets and design key elements; our spring production's set was a testament of their abilities. The added element this year was student designed blocking, sound, and movement. Our festival show was completely student directed and half the cast received awards for Excellence in Acting. The fall production of *Alice in Wonderland* was a smashing success, our largest audiences ever. The students worked collaboratively to write, block, and costume Lewis Carroll's classic story.

It was an unbelievable accomplishment for the troupe. With four years of training students in the rudiments of theatre, the students successfully used their skills to create and explore together.



The students in the art department have represented our school in many regional exhibitions and competitions during 2003. In January of 2003, 42 student works were selected for the prestigious New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards Program; 33 students received recognition with 6 receiving Gold Keys and they went on to represent New Hampshire at the national level. In February 12 student works were selected for the State Youth Art Month Exhibition; this exhibition was part of a national program. In March 6 juniors were selected to be part of the New Hampshire Allstate Art Festival; this competitive program is sponsored by the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester. Only 60 students statewide are selected to be part of this annual 2-day experience. Our students had success in numerous other programs. The high school was well represented in the Congressional Art Competition with 4 student works selected. Seth Roma's illustration was selected to grace the cover of the New Hampshire Wildlife Calendar and Sara Richard was also selected to have work included in the calendar. A number of recent graduates have continued their post-secondary education in art and have been awarded significant scholarships. Jackie Baker, a former student, returned as a student teacher in the art program.

The past year ended with some changes in personnel that bear note for the long-term impact they had on the community. They include, Margaret Blair, Ellen Bostwick, Pamela Walker, Jennifer Evans and Peter Allen who were not here this September for the first time in 34 years. These people represented years of teaching in Goffstown and had an impact on parent and child alike. Their contribution to the community and school was inestimable.

The Parent Council group meets monthly and continues to provide a welcome perspective to the principal. We spend our time in discussion about what is working and what is not working at the high school and about the direction the school should be considering. This along with a newly created leadership activity has given the school a new sense of student governance.

As you can see Goffstown Area High School is a vibrant and exciting environment in which to work and learn. There is much going on in classrooms, and in extra and co-curricular activities. This is a facility to be proud of and these are students to feel proud about. There are many exciting and rewarding programs that are the mainstays of this fine school. Ultimately the building is a building and the school is much more.



# GOFFSTOWN'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

**GLASS\*** clear, brown or green glass is accepted.

**ALUMINUM CANS\***

**TIN & STEEL CANS\***

**PLASTIC\*** #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic is accepted, however, bags or containers that held petroleum products such as motor oil are excluded.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** should be flattened and cut down to no larger than 21" x 32". Corrugated cardboard consists of three layers of cardboard, where the center layer consists of ridges.

**NEWSPAPER** should be placed in a paper bag or tied in bundles.

**MAGAZINES** should be placed in a brown paper bag or tied in bundles.

**MIXED PAPER** such as junk mail and cereal boxes, should be placed in a paper bag. Packages partially comprised of foil, blueprint paper, carbon paper and food soiled paper, such as napkins and paper plates are excluded.

*\* Please rinse clean.*

## DROP OFF PROGRAM

All of the items accepted as part of the Curbside Program, as well as the following items are accepted in our Drop Off Program at the Transfer Station.

**TEXTILES** should be clean, dry and bagged.

**LEAVES** must be removed from plastic bags. Paper bags accepted.

**BRUSH** is limited to no larger than 5" diameter. no stumps accepted.

**SCRAP METAL** such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted. No appliances that contain, or once contained freon are accepted without certification of evacuation by a licensed refrigerant technician.

**WET-CELL BATTERIES** such as automotive batteries are accepted provided the cases are not broken.

**TIRES** are accepted.

## TRANSFER STATION OPERATING SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION GUIDE

The Transfer Station is open Tuesday through Sunday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Severe inclement weather may delay the opening of the Transfer Station and may affect the rubbish and recycling routes.

The Transfer Station will be closed the Saturday preceding a Monday holiday. A holiday that occurs Tuesday through Saturday only affects that particular day. Holiday rubbish and recycling route changes will be posted in the Goffstown News, Union Leader as well as on GTV16.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at #497-4824. If you get our answering machine please leave your name, number and a brief message. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank You!

# GOFFSTOWN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

## EMERGENCY

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICE	911 OR 497-3311
POLICE	911 OR 497-2232
POISON CENTER	800-562-8236

## TOWN HALL 497-8990

Admin/Selectmen	Ext...	100	Planning	117
Assessor		112	Sewer	116
Building		114	Tax Collector	110
Finance		104	Town Clerk	107

## TOWN OFFICES

Fire (Church St.)	497-3537	Library	497-2102
Fire (E. Goffstown)	497-4655	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Fire (Pinardville)	622-6713	Public Works	497-3617
Police	497-4858	Transfer Station	497-4824
Goffstown Village Water	497-3621		
Grasmere Village Water	497-8346		

## SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Goffstown Area	
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330	High School	497-4841
Mt. View Middle School	497-8288	Administration (SAU#19)	497-4818